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HONG KONG ELEVEN

SKIPPER'S OPINION.

Pereira's Lack of Stamina.

TEAM ANALYSED.

The selection of the Hong Kong cricket eleven has been very satisfactory in all respects. If the batting is not quite all that might be desired, the attack is probably the strongest combination sent north during the last five years. The plumb Shanghai wicket is a batsman's paradise, and if the Hong Kong bowlers fail the team will return flagless. Cricketers, however, are confident that the side is the best eleven available, and their display against the United Services XI. on Saturday will be eagerly awaited.

From a very reliable source the *China Mail* learns that D. McLellan has been invited to make the trip as twelfth man. He will play in at least one match in Shanghai.

Captain's Opinion.

"We have a fairly well-balanced side with perhaps too many 'if' batsmen, but should they come off we should make a very fine score. An excellent fielding side has been selected and there is a good variety of bowling at my disposal," was E. J. R. Mitchell's comment on the selection.

The selection of an interport eleven has in the past been the butt of public criticism, and this year's selection will prove no exception. The omission of F. D. Pereira, Hong Kong's fastest bowler, will raise a storm of controversy. Supporters of N. A. E. Mackay, A. A. Rumjahn and E. Zimmer will be disappointed at their exclusion, and will be comparing their champions with others in the selected eleven. A member of the Selection Committee is in a most unenviable position; he cannot possibly please everyone.

Before dealing with the chosen few, one or two words on those who failed to gain recognition would not be amiss.

Lack of Stamina.

Pereira, who made such a name for himself in his first season in the Colony last year, has proved disappointing. He appears to tire all too quickly, though in his first few overs he is definitely very fast. This season in order to be of use to his side he has adopted a change of style in his bowling whenever he begins to tire, and to this, perhaps, may be attributed his omission from the side. A fast bowler attempting slow leg breaks cannot possibly maintain the perfect length required for this dangerous ball without seriously affecting his natural delivery. Beck, on the other hand, maintains top speed throughout and never allows the batsman to settle down to an over or two which is not fast. There were only two fast bowlers in the running for a place and it can be taken for granted that Beck won his place through perseverance backed up by steadiness with the bat.

Zimmer Unsteady.

E. Zimmer commenced the season in a sparkling manner but later proved disappointing. A forcing batsman by nature, he is perhaps one of the hardest-hitting in the Colony at the present moment, but his vulnerability in the first few overs sent down to him is so apparent that the selectors have been forced to pass him over. In addition to his batting Zimmer is a very fair stumper.

N. A. E. Mackay had continued to keep wicket for Kowloon, would probably have walked into the side as a wicket-keeper batsman. He has scored over a thousand runs this season, but

GRAFT REVELATIONS OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SENATOR'S SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE AT ENQUIRY

WRITERS PAID \$250,000 TO BOOST STOCKS FOR "RIGGING."

Washington, To-day.

Sensational evidence was given to-day before the Senate Committee which is investigating the conditions of the New York Stock Exchange.

Senator Fiorello La Guardia, representative of New York City, alleged that over \$250,000 was paid in recent years to financial writers to boost stocks with which brokers were "rigging" the market. — Reuter's American Service.

The investigation is being conducted at the instigation of President Hoover, and is the result of a public outcry against many nefarious practices carried out in stock market dealings. The question of "short-selling" is also being investigated.

NOT GUILTY.

Victoria Gap Murder.

TRIAL CONCLUDED TO-DAY.

The trial against Cheung Iu-wah, who is charged at the Supreme Court with the murder of Tsang Tai-kai, came to a close this morning. The jury, retired at 12.50 but returned again at 1.34 p.m., not having reached a verdict.

His Honour, Mr. Justice Wood, re-directed the jury to retire at 1.50 p.m. for further deliberation. Ten minutes later the jury brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

At the outset of his address to the jury, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, defending counsel, recalled the point that was raised with regard to the condition of the writing material found at the scene of the crime. He said that when he raised that point he had no intention of making any allegation against the Police. He had been in contact with Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds long enough to know that he was above suspicion.

The next point counsel wanted the jury to consider was the indictment which accused his client with murder on February 18. That this season in order to be of use to his side he has adopted a change of style in his bowling whenever he begins to tire, and to this, perhaps, may be attributed his omission from the side.

Mr. Fitzroy referred to his examination of Dr. Greaves with regard to the length of time that had elapsed between death and the holding of the autopsy. He submitted that such examination was of vital importance, and if it could not be shown that death took place on February 18, then the indictment failed.

What Dr. Greaves said in his evidence in chief was that death had occurred between 40 and 45 hours before the autopsy, yet when pressed he admitted that death could have occurred within 24 hours, and further pressed, admitted even 16 hours.

Mr. death had occurred even 24 hours before the autopsy on the 20th—let alone 16 hours—then death could not have occurred on February 18, and the Crown's case must fall to the ground.

Further, Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that the Crown's case was based on (1) a statement made by the accused at the Magistracy, and (2) circumstantial evidence, the fact that a drop of blood was found on one of the accused's shoes.

The murdered youth's throat was so deeply cut that there must have been considerable blood all over the place, yet this man had only one drop on him. It made his hair stand on end when it was suggested to the jury that from that drop of blood on the accused's shoe, they

should infer that he was concerned with the murderer.

The accused, according to Dr. Griffiths's evidence had an injured finger, such that blood would drip from it. Therefore, was it not more probable that the blood on the shoe was a drop which had come from his injured finger.

Youth Cried Out.

The youth cried out when he found himself in the power of the gang, and in order to prevent attracting attention, the prisoner took out his handkerchief and stuffed it into the youth's mouth. His finger was bitten in the process and it bled. He put the bleeding finger into his handkerchief and sat down by the roadside.

Dr. Greaves had told Counsel yesterday that the stuffing of the handkerchief had nothing to do with death. That was all that the prisoner himself had done to the youth, and therefore he did not cause the youth's death.

He asked the jury to consider carefully all the circumstances when, he suggested, they would find that the Crown had not made out its case against the accused beyond all possible doubt, and as the accused was entitled to the benefit of even the slightest doubt, they must acquit him.

His Lordship's Remarks.

His Lordship agreed with Mr. Fitzroy that there must be no possible doubt and emphasised that an accused man was not guilty until proven to be, in spite of anything that came to the jury's mind before the trial started.

One important point made by His Lordship was with regard to the time of the youth's death. He pointed out that accused was arrested at 3.45 p.m. on February 18, the day the Crown alleged the murder was committed, and as on his own statement he was out with the gang and the youth, the date could not be fixed after the 18th.

BRITISH TEA DUTY.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons, by 256 votes to 43, to-day carried the Budget tea duty resolution. — Reuter.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Record Entry For Tourney To-day.

London, To-day. The English Amateur Golf Championship to be held at Sandwich has drawn a record entry of 172 players.

Many of the first and second round games will be played off to-day. — Reuter.

LINDBERGH BABY.

Colonel Talks to Kidnappers.

INTERMEDIARY DISAPPEARS.

Secrecy Observed.

Hopewell, New Jersey, To-day.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh established personal contact with the kidnappers last week, according to a high New Jersey State official, who states he conferred with the group that received the \$50,000 ransom.

Colonel Lindbergh now plans to meet Mr. Curtis, the ship-builder, on a boat off the Virginian Coast, to complete the negotiations for the return of the baby. Mr. Curtis who, with two others, is acting as intermediary with the kidnappers, disappeared this morning on a mysterious journey aboard a yacht. — Reuter.

INDIAN CRICKETERS AT WESTMINSTER.

Luncheon in House of Commons.

London, Yesterday. A complimentary luncheon was given to the members of the All-India Cricket Team in the House of Commons to-day. Lord Ebbisham, Vice-Captain of the House of Lords and the House of Commons Cricket Team, presiding. The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin proposed the health of the guests and the Rajah of Porbander replied. — British Wireless Service.

"HONOUR SLAYING" CASE.

Crowds Fill Court.

CROWN SEEKS GAOL PENALTY.

Honolulu, To-day.

A demand for the conviction of the accused in the "Honour Slaying" case, of second degree murder, carrying the sentence from one of ten years to life imprisonment, will be made by the prosecution in the final address in July.

The Court was crowded to-day, white women being sprinkled among the natives. Many sat all night outside the Court in order to secure front seats. — Reuter.

Figures in the Trial. The outstanding figures in what is now known as the "Honour Slaying" trial are: Lieut. Maasie, Mrs. Fortescue and two other seamen. These four people are accused of having been concerned in the killing of a native of Honolulu as a result of an assault on Mrs. Maasie, wife of the first named and daughter of Mrs. Fortescue.

OPTIMISM FELT AT SHANGHAI

JAPAN ACCEPTS FORMULA.

Lampson Secures Results.

TOKYO INSTRUCTS SHIGEMITSU.

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. M. Shigemitsu, Japanese Consul in Shanghai, this morning received instructions to accept Sir Miles Lampson's compromise formula.

Geneva Progress.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Committee of Nineteen dispersed after an hour's deliberation to-day.

It is understood that M. Paul Hymans, of Belgium, exhaustively gave details of the informal conversations and the efforts to secure a settlement agreeable to both sides, which, however, had not yet been achieved.

The Committee is hopeful of a successful outcome of the Shanghai parleys as a result of the attempts to reach a compromise there, so as to enable an early re-meeting of the Committee to consider the next step.

In the event of a failure of agreement between the parties, the Committee is expected to call a public meeting to report progress and then to summon the full Assembly. — Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES AT TYNESIDE.

To Meet Cup Winners.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is doing two days' tour of the Tyneside will to-morrow meet the winners of the English Football Association Cup at the Newcastle United Football Ground. His visit is being marked by a complete absence of formality. To-day, after chatting with men in the unemployed settlement at Gateshead he visited a nursery school.

Whilst talking to the Matron the children crowded round the Prince so closely that he trod on one small boy's foot.

"I'm sorry," said the Prince to him. "Now you can tread on mine." The small boy solemnly did so. — British Wireless Service.

STOP PRESS

JAPAN STARTS BIG DRIVE.

Harbin, To-day.

With Eastern and Northern Manchuria aflame with insurgency against the Manchukuo the Japanese Army has begun the largest operation since the Chinese drive last December. Three Brigades under the command of General Hirose are moving along the railway and the river, aiming to crush the insurgents who are estimated at 22,000 in the Eastern C.E.R. and lower Sungan regions by a huge pincer movement. — Reuter.

PEACE CONFERENCE HOPES INCREASE

SUN FO ADVOCATES TRIPLE ALLIANCE AGAINST JAPAN.

CHINESE UNITY WITH AMERICA AND RUSSIA

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The prospects of the Peace Conference resumption have brightened as Sir Miles Lampson's compromise formula is believed to be acceptable to both China and Japan.

The nominees are meeting at the British Consulate this morning to decide the date of the resumption this week. Japanese circles are optimistic.

The real text of the proposal is not disclosed though it is reliably reported that it does not mention a specific time-limit for the withdrawal of the Japanese troops, but merely deals the question of the normality of providing a possible ultimate withdrawal.

NEW HOSTILITIES POSSIBLE.

A Chinese newspaper expresses the opinion that people do not mind the resumption of hostilities provided that the Government is able to organise a prolonged resistance. It urges Nanking to decide quickly whether the situation is to develop into another war or if peace is to be concluded.

RESISTANCE URGED.

Sun Fo in a long interview with the newspapers emphasised the vital necessity of prosecuting a persistent fight against Japan. He urged the Government to join hands with America and Russia. He said that all factions must unite. He accused Japan of trying to make a second India out of China in accordance with Tokyo's ambitious continental policy whereby the hopes to fulfil the grandiose dream of carving out a greater Japanese Empire in this part of Asia.

A TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Sun Fo drafted a programme of a proposed triple alliance between China, Russia and America, which he transmitted for the consideration of the Government.

A hint of China's possible emergence as a military power was furnished by the passage of the general principles of the Conscription law, demanding that all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 40 will be eligible for military service.

Sun Fo is a son of Sun Yat-sen, and is a former Mayor of Canton.

JAPANESE OFFICIALS IN MANCHUKUO.

Six Important Posts

Changchun, Yesterday. Six of the nineteen new officials of the Manchukuo, who were chosen to-day, are Japanese, five of which have been appointed Chiefs of the Bureaux of Legislation, Taxation, Railways, Personnel and General Affairs and Home Office, while the sixth has been appointed Chief of the Secretariat. — Reuter.

Dr. Koo's Protection. Mukden, Yesterday. The Italian member of the League Commission, Count Marescotti, to-day stated to the Press that Dr. Wellington Koo

will accompany the Commission to Tatsien under the protection of Lord Lytton.

Count Marescotti declared that the Commission is satisfied with the information given by General Hanjo. — Reuter.

BANDITS LOOT TOWN IN MANCHURIA.

Harbin, Yesterday. The town of Lantsi, on the Western section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, was raided and looted yesterday by four hundred mounted bandits.

A hour mill was set on fire and destroyed.

Traffic Still Suspended. The Japanese forces are advancing on Hengtchow, though traffic on the Eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway is still suspended. — Reuter.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"STEPPING SISTERS."

A sparkling cast, a rollicking comedy replete with hilarious situations, and a number of musical novelties are the elements that combine to make "Stepping Sisters," the Fox picture showing at the King's Theatre to-day, what is said to be one of the most amusing farces to have come to the screen. The cast includes many well known personalities of the screen and stage, among them Louise Dresser, Minna Gombell, Jobyna Howland, William Collier, Sr., Howard Phillips, Fredman Munier, Stanley Smith, Barbara Weeks and Mary Forbes.

The plot of "Stepping Sisters" revolves around the exposure of a former burlesque chorus queen by two of her former associates in the show. They meet under unusual circumstances at an entertainment given for charity and all agree to keep secret the past of the one who has entered the realm of society and at whose lavish Long Island home the fete is being given.

During the action of the picture, several new musical numbers and a singing and dancing novelty are introduced. "Stepping Sisters," based on Howard Warren Comstock's successful stage play, affords Miss Dresser, Miss Gombell, and Miss Howland unusual opportunities for comedy and Collier is said to have a role tailored to his measure.

The picture was directed by Seymour Felix, famous as dance director of the biggest Broadway shows in New York previous to going to Hollywood to direct talking pictures.

"SKYLINE."

While she believes in "Irish Luck," to a certain degree, Maureen O'Sullivan, radiant and charming screen actress featured in the Fox picture "Skyline," coming next Thursday to the King's Theatre, has more confidence in the efficacy of prayer.

Following her success in the McCormack picture "Song O' My Heart," Miss O'Sullivan played opposite another internationally famous figure, Will Rogers, in "So This Is London." Next she filled the leading feminine role opposite Charles Farrell in "The Princess And The Plumber." Then came "A Connecticut Yankee" wherein she again played opposite Will Rogers.

In "Skyline," she enacts the feminine lead, featured with Thomas Meighan, Hardie Albright, Myrna Loy and Donald Dillaway, under Sam Taylor's direction.

"DELICIOUS."

Ten microphones, strategically suspended over the various sections of an 80-piece symphony orchestra were required to record George Gershwin's "New York Rhapsody," a symbolic successor to his world-famous "Rhapsody In Blue," to be introduced in "Delicious," newest Janet Gaynor-Charles Farrell Fox Film romance, coming soon to the King's Theatre.

This "multi-mike" recording marked an innovation in sound reproducing methods, and was made necessary by the complex melodic pattern of the work. One microphone alone could not handle with justice the abrupt changes, shadings and delicate harmonies of the symphony, it was found, and so the new system was developed.

Gershwin's magnificent new rhapsody, together with several

popular song numbers, are introduced as complementary incidentals to the plot of "Delicious," which is an inspiring and thrilling romantic drama by Guy Bolton.

"BLACK COFFEE."

Mystery stories have a strong attraction for all classes, and in "Black Coffee" which the Queen's Theatre is showing to-morrow, there is a holding mystery right to the very end. It is an Agatha Christie thriller concerning the murder of a scientist who was given hyoscine in his coffee. The identity of the murderer is hidden until the end of the picture, the construction of the drama leaving everyone in doubt during its development. Austin Trevor plays the part of Hercule Poirot and Adrienne Allen is the feminine star.

"SUSAN LENOX."

The answer to many a maiden's prayers is to be found in the teaming of Greta Garbo and Clark Gable in "Susan Lennox, Her Fall and Rise," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

It was a happy and wise decision that made the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer officials cast this engaging newcomer opposite the famous Swedish star. Gable is right at the top of the ladder in the estimation of fans and his work in the Garbo picture would seem to assure his early bid for stardom.

Garbo is magnificent as the heroine of the David Graham Phillips story, which Robert Z. Leonard directed. The famous novel was adapted for the screen by Wanda Tuchock with dialogue written by Zella Sears and Leon Gordon. Modernized as it is, the dramatic regeneration theme makes ideal material for Garbo. In the opinion of this reviewer she accomplishes the greatest individual characterization of all her talkie efforts.

The supporting cast is noteworthy, including Jean Hersholt, John Miljan, Alan Hale, Hale Hamilton, Hilda Vaughn, Russell Simpson, Cecil Cunningham and Ian Keith.

"THE MAD PARADE."

I have been in motion picture work for many years and I have played in stories that were packed with exciting incidents.

Productions in which I have played the leading feminine roles have presented innumerable situations where the action of the characters rose to great heights and where the playing of the scenes gave me the feeling that it was more real than "just making" a picture. But in all my years in the movies I never experienced such nervous reactions and such actual excitement as in "The Mad Parade."

In one of the scenes I was called upon to crawl on the ground, through trenches, shell holes, barbed wire entanglements and past ground charges of dynamite. It was one of the biggest thrills of my picture career.

It was a night scene. The action called for my running over No Man's Land, spotted with ground charges bombs. I started and the bombs began bursting. I was supposed to be knocked down by the first one and crawl the rest of the way, a distance of about 200 feet. Was that work? Well, if any movie fans have the idea that the making of all motion pictures is "pink tea," I hope they let them pass their own judgment whether they'd care to do it.

I crawled for a distance of about

100 feet with a supposedly injured arm, and unable to use that arm. Try it some time. Get down on your stomach and crawl over muddy, rough, shell-torn earth for a hundred feet or so with the use of just one arm.

I'd like especially for young girls ambitious to become movie stars to see those scenes. Here, in graphic description without the need of any words, folks will see and understand once and for all that the making of motion pictures is not all glory by a long shot. I doubt if any group of motion picture stars, which included Irene Rich, Louise Fazenda, Lilyan Tashman, Marceline Day, Fritz Ridgeway, the Keating Twins and myself, ever worked in a picture where such downright courages was necessary and where such physical hardships were encountered.

Everyone of the girls was marvellous. Each did her bit like the bravest of the doughboys. I'll never forget those scenes as long as I live. They will stand out in bold relief as some of the greatest thrills in my career in picture making. "The Mad Parade" will be shown at the Central Theatre for the last time to-day. It's a picture that no one can afford to miss.

"TO-NIGHT OR NEVER."

The canals of Venice, with gondolas floating in mysterious moonlit shadows, and the banks of the Danube at Budapest, lined with ancient palaces and throbbing with gypsy music, were both exactly reproduced by native experts in Hollywood for the production of "To-night or Never," a United Artists picture, which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow. It's a story of the romance between a Hungarian opera-singer and her mysterious American pursuer shifts from Italy to Hungary to furnish it with all the old-world charm desired by its author, the Hungarian Baroness Lili Halvany.

The setting which Willy Pogany, internationally famous Hungarian artist, designed for the wine-gardens on the banks of the Danube is said to be one of the most elaborate and successful illusions ever attempted on the screen. He invented totally new and revolutionary processes of achieving the effects of moonlight and running water in the process of building this scene.

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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6:20 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7-10:30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7:03-7:45 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Turkey in the Straw.
The Irish Washerwoman.
Victor Concert Orchestra (22181).

Song—
Nightingale Song.
Della Baker (Soprano).
Vocal Duet—
Listen to the Mocking Bird.
Alice Green and Raymond Dixon (19889).

Song—
Let me be Your Side Track.
Rodgers' Puzzle Record.
Jimmie Rodgers (23821).

Clarinet Solo—
Riverside Stomp.
Friendless Blues.
Douglas Williams (V-38031).

Song—
Behind the Clouds.
Gene Austin (Tenor).
Chorus—
Just Around the Corner.
The Revelers (19968).

Organ Solo—
Always.
Jesse Crawford (20000).
8 p.m.—Local Time.
7:45-8:35 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—
Aufschwung (Searing) (Schumann).
Tango (Albeniz).
Wilhelm Bachaus (1445).

Song—
The Last Rose of Summer (Moore).
Robin Adair (Keppel).
Frances Alda (Soprano) (1188).

Violoncello Solo—
Intermezzo (Vivaldi).
Serenata Napoletana (Srambati).
Pablo Casals (1642).

Song—
Moonlight & Roses (Black-Moret).
The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow).
John McCormack (Tenor) (1092).

Violin Solo—
Fair Rosemary (Kreisler).
Rondino (Kreisler).
Fritz Kreisler (1886).

Vocal Duet—
Song of Love (Schubert & Berthe).
Lucy Isabelle Marsh-Royal Daddum.

Song—
Serenade (Schubert & Berthe).
Lambert Murphy (Tenor) (4018).

Piano Solo—
Soule Palmier (Under the Palms) (Albeniz).
Cradle Song (Brahms).
Alfred Cortot (1271).

8:35-9:30 p.m.—Operatic.
Song—
Thais (Massenet)—Mirror Song (Dis-moi que je suis belle).
Thais (Massenet)—Love Has Long Been a Rare Virtue.
(L'amour est une vert rare).
Maria Jeritza (Soprano) (1214).

Orchestral—
Die Fledermaus (Johann Strauss)—
The Bat—You and You.
Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1481).

Song—
Rigoletto (Verdi)—
La donna e mobile.
Rigoletto (Verdi)—Questa o quella.
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (500).

Orchestral—
La Boheme (Puccini)—Fantasia.
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35871).

Song—
Otello (Verdi)—Ave Maria.
Otello (Verdi)—Willow Song.
Elizabeth Reithberg (Soprano) (7398).

Vocal Trio—
Tristan und Isolde (Wagner)—Kurvenal Hol Say Kurvenal.
D. Whiddop (Tenor), F. Fry (Baritone) and K. McKenna (Tenor) and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Orchestral—
Tristan und Isolde (Wagner)—
Prelude.
London Symphony Orchestra (8265).

Song—
Trovatore (Verdi)—Ah, si ben mio.
Marta (Plotow)—M'appari.
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (6002).

9:30-9:40 p.m.—Doctor Radio will

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels.
Saturday—China Light & Power Recreation Club Concert, King's Park enclosure, 9 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Stepping Sisters."
To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Susan Lennox."

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Mad Parade."
To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Young As You Feel."

To-day—Star Theatre: "One Romantic Night."
Friday—King's Theatre; Alexander Brailowsky, Eminent Russian Pianist, 9:30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

To-morrow—At 27A, Nathan Rd., (1st floor), Kowloon, household furniture, 10:30 a.m.
Friday—At "Harford," 525, The Peak, household furniture, 10:30 a.m.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Calcutta Maru).

THE OVERSEAS LEAGUE.

Forthcoming Concert.

Encouraged by the success of the "At Home" held last year, the local branch of The Overseas League have decided to venture a little further afield in the way of entertainment and on May 6, the committee of the League have arranged for a variety entertainment to be held at the Helena May Institute.

The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental items, dancing displays, and two one-act plays. An attractive feature of this special entertainment is the fact that of the artistes appearing one or two have not yet been heard by local audiences.

Although the evening has been specially arranged for Overseas League members, it is also open to the public, and tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the League at the Helena May Institute.

The Overseas League, one of the best known British Institutions is doing extremely useful work in helping to keep alive the splendid traditions of the country, and the local branch in a small measure are helping the main body in this work. It is therefore hoped that their efforts in arranging the entertainment will receive whole-hearted support.

give the 4th Clue of the Radio Treasure Hunt.

9:40-10:10 p.m.—
Sonata No. 9 in A Major (Beethoven, Op. 47).
Played by Alfred Cortot & Jacques Thibaud (M-72).

1st Movt.—Adagio sostenuto—Presto.
2nd Movt.—Adante con variazioni.
3rd Movt.—Finale—Presto.
10:10-10:28 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Selections from "Good News".
Selections from "Funny Face".
Victor Arden-Phil Ohman & their Orchestra (35918).

Gems from "Follow Thru".
Gems from "Hold Everything".
Victor Light Opera Group (35970).

10:30 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Tsang Fook Piano Co.

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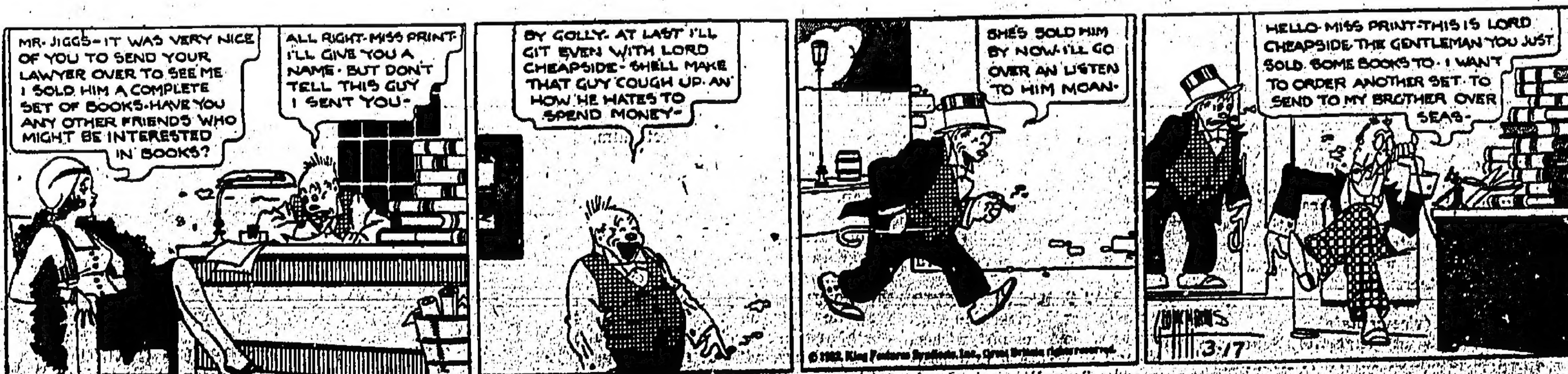
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HONG KONG CRICKET ELEVEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

the arrival of Hunter and his own aptitude towards batting crippled his chance of appearing as the best wicket-keeper and a sound batsman. He is, however, yet young, and there is plenty of time for his batting to improve so that and that alone will gain him recognition.

Rumjahn's Bad Luck.

A. A. Rumjahn, it is understood, was unable to make the trip if Pat Madar was selected. It is indeed unfortunate as Rumjahn is a very steady batsman and a useful slow bowler on occasion, besides being one of the best slips fieldmen in the Colony.

E. L. Gosano would not have surprised many cricketers had he walked straight into the side this season. His batting is much sounder than it looks, and it is a wonder that he has not scored many more runs this season. He is young and a trifle impetuous, but his claims for recognition as an all-rounder on Shanghai's visit next November will not hastily be cast aside. His bowling, which is on the fast side, is a little erratic at the moment, but a little perseverance in this direction should better it beyond recognition. His fielding is one of the features of every game he plays in. His accuracy in returns to the wicket is little short of amazing.

McLellan's Error.

D. McLellan made the mistake of attempting to become an all-rounder instead of persevering with his bowling which showed excellent promise. It would not have come as a surprise had he been chosen, but his unsteadiness in batting let him down at a critical moment.

J. Hunter's poor batting form cost him his place in the side. As a wicket-keeper he is a shade better than Patterson, but the latter's

bowling googlies. Serious study, however, curtailed his cricketing abilities and he was unable to compete for a Blue during his residence there. He captained Queen's College, Oxford, for two seasons, and gained his Oxford Authentic cap. In 1906 he represented the Public Schools XI at Lord's against the M.C.C.

This will be Sayer's ninth interport match against Shanghai. His best figures in the matches read:—

1912 in Hong Kong 85 out of 417. 1923 in Shanghai 57 out of 332. In both these matches he opened the innings, and Hong Kong won both matches comfortably. This season he has hit 80 odd against the Kowloon attack on the



E. J. R. MITCHELL

Club ground, and last year scored 160 in a Triangular Tournament match. He is probably one of the finest cover-point fieldmen in the Colony.

J. E. Richardson.

Educated at Derby School, Richardson was a member of the school eleven during the years 1919-22. He came out to the Colony in 1929 and in his first year here he carried off both the batting and bowling averages of the Civil Service Cricket Club. Last season he experienced a very lean time and was perhaps fortun-

THE HONG KONG XI.

The following have been selected to represent Hong Kong against Shanghai in the 1932 Interport Cricket match in Shanghai:—

E. J. R. MITCHELL (H.K.C.C.)
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P. MADAR (K.C.C.)
A. H. MADAR (I.R.C.)
A. R. MINU (I.R.C.)
W. T. PATTERSON (C.C.C.)



J. E. RICHARDSON

batting is so much more reliable. Hunter, however, has plenty of time for his first blazer and, providing he can improve his batting, he should be in the running for the November Interport.

Comments have not been made on those who were definitely unable to make the trip. These included E. C. Fincher, A. Reid, L. T. Ride, D. J. N. Anderson, E. R. Duckitt, Capt. Mirehouse, Capt. Moir, Lt. Musson and S. R. Kermani.

The following are brief paragraphs on the selected players:—

E. J. R. Mitchell

(captain).
Educated at Bedford School the Hong Kong skipper was invited to play for Bedfordshire against the New Zealand touring eleven in 1927, but was forced to decline the invitation on account of residential qualification. In one particularly bright season he experienced he hit two half centuries against Bedfordshire Club and Ground in successive innings when playing for the Old Bedfordians' XI. He played in club cricket for Keeley, Surrey, and was later asked to assist West Herts. In partnership with C. Blaker for the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Mitchell established a first-wicket League partnership in local cricket. The pair added 196 against the University, Mitchell claiming 80 odd; and in the same season the pair added 186 in 100 minutes against the Civil Service Cricket Club in a League match, Mitchell scoring 102.

This will be Mitchell's second blazer against Shanghai as he visited the Northern port in 1930, scoring 18 in the first innings out of a total of 141, and 14 not out in a total of 56 for 4 in the second innings of that drawn encounter. The honour of captaincy could rest on no better shoulders, as he has fostered cricket in the Colony during the last ten years, and has given the younger generation a chance to establish their claims by the skillful way he has handled the 'Volunteers' XI.

G. R. Sayer

(vice-captain).
Educated at Highgate School, which produced R. W. V. Robbina, Sayer enjoyed a splendid season at Oxford during 1907 when he gained a place in the Freshmen's Trial. In this important match he met with great success with the ball,

ate to go into the Interport side down here last November. This year, however, he has come into his own and easily headed the Civil Service batting averages.

This will be his third match against Shanghai, and he fully deserves his inclusion as opening batsman and change bowler. There is not a more consistent batsman in the Colony at the present moment. He scored a century against Kowloon in a League match this season, and is now within striking distance of his 1,000 runs.

A. C. Hamilton.
Experiencing good cricket in England the arrival of Lt. Hamilton in the Colony greatly strengthened the Army XI, which at one time was by far the most formidable side in local cricket. An all-rounder of a high class standard Hamilton has knocked out a century this season, and has



G. R. SAYER

figured prominently in the bowling analysis of nearly every match he has played in.

Playing in his second Interport match Hamilton should do well on the perfect Shanghai wicket as he is a hard hitter with a wonderful eye.

A. C. Beck

Playing in Club cricket in Nottinghamshire, Beck took 61 wickets in a season to create a new post-war record. So well was he bowling at that time that he was invited to take part in the County's Amateur Trials at Trent Bridge. In those games, he clean bowled two former skippers of Nottingham.

Lionel Kerk and J. F. Bishop. His batting has improved beyond recognition, and his defence, when occasion demands, is as safe as any other batsman in the Colony. He has scored over 600 runs and is within striking distance of earning the distinction of taking 100 wickets in a season. A really creditable performance for a fast bowler.

This will be his second match against Shanghai. In 1930, going on as second change bowler he bowled 22 overs for 48 runs and 2 wickets.

G. C. Burnett.

Educated at Warwick School, Burnett enjoyed considerable success in School Cricket and was given two chances in the County's Amateur Trials, but did not live up to reputation.

This will be his first interport blazer against Shanghai. This season he has taken nearly 90 wickets and has scored one century.

E. F. Fincher.

Coached by Dwyer an Australian cricketer of repute, Fincher has been one of the mainstays of the Kowloon side this year. He has scored over 1,000 runs this season after experiencing a very lean time last year. He has scored two centuries this season. His selection was at first dubious on account of the possibility of his being unable to make the trip, but once it was found possible for him to obtain leave, his inclusion was a certainty.

This will be his second appearance against Shanghai. In 1930 he scored 26 out of a total of 141 in the first innings of that drawn encounter.

P. Madar.

Madar is in the curious position of having been selected to play for Hong Kong in May after com-



A. H. MADAR

peting against the Colony last November. Second only to Leach, Madar is the finest all-rounder that Shanghai could produce. The following are his best performances for Shanghai against the Colony in the four matches in which he has played:—

1931 in Hong Kong 81 out of 237 and 5 for 34 in the match.

1930 in Shanghai 43 out of 183. It can be taken as definite that Madar was one of the leading figures in the Shanghai triumph here last November. His slow bowling and intimate knowledge of Shanghai cricket should prove invaluable to his captain.

A. H. Madar.

Experiencing little cricket outside the Colony, Madar has earned his inclusion in the side through his brilliant form during the last few weeks. In the League match against Kowloon he scored 95 and followed this up by scoring 82 not out against the Combined League. A forcing batsman when once set, Madar will also prove to be a valuable change bowler on the Shanghai trip.

This is his first interport match, but he comes off in big matches, possessing the big match temperament.

A. R. Minu.

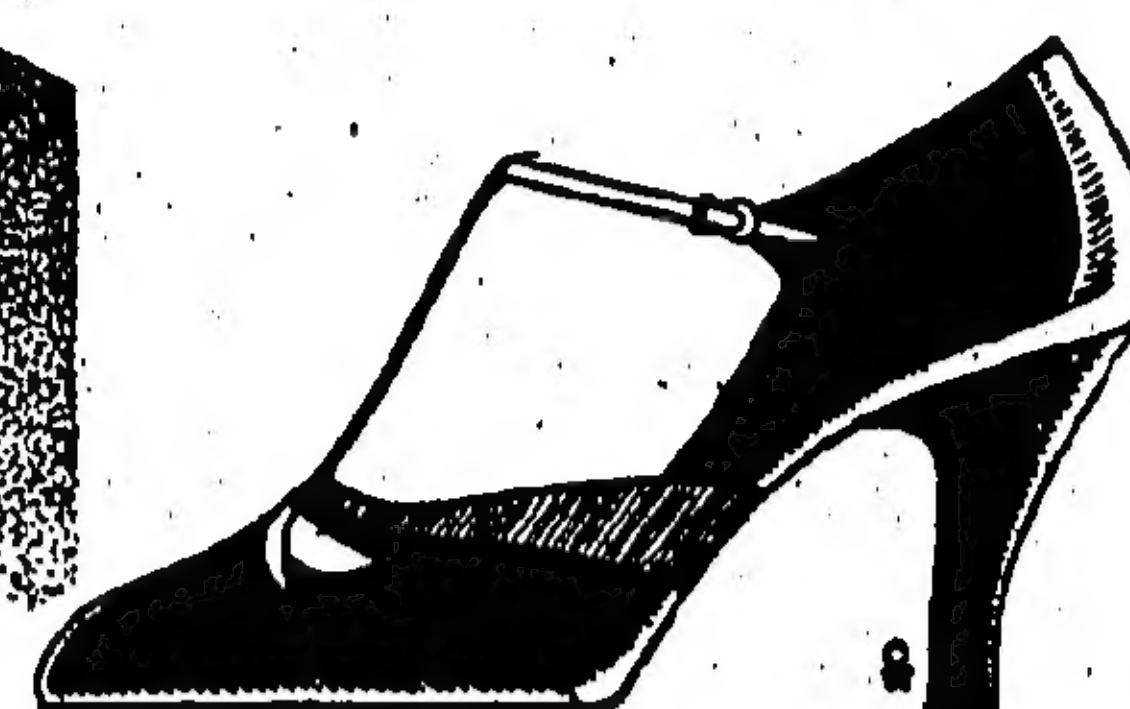
One of the finest bowlers in the Colony, Minu has literally walked into the side as the result of consistently good performances throughout the season. He should be invaluable on the Shanghai wicket—the nearest approach to which here in Hong Kong is the K.C.C. wicket, where Minu has always met with success. He is also a very dangerous batsman when well set.

It will be his first interport match, but it will not affect him, as he is one of the coolest and most sporting members in the champions' eleven.

W. T. Patterson.

Considered to be the best wicket-keeper in the Colony last November, Patterson was passed over for the Hong Kong Interport. This year, however, he has proved his worth and has come through with flying colours, without any serious opposition. A fearless stumper, Patterson claims more stumping victims than any other keeper in the Colony. His batting, however, will be severely tested in this his first interport match.

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Saturday's Race Entries.

Weights Announced for Third Aggregate

Excellent entries, which should ensure big fields, have been received by the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held next Saturday afternoon. The entries are printed below:—

Mount Parker Handicap, "A"
Class, 1 1/4 miles.—Bag and Baggage (155lb.); Cyclamen Bay (150); Fortune Bay (140); Gay Crusader (148); Gold Key (148); Hetman (165); King's Justice (145); Sadko (155); Sitting Bull (163).

Mount Davies Stakes, one mile.
—Gold Ring (151); Just Imagine (145); White Heather (145); King's Norton (145); Ajax (145); Snappy Eve (147); Iloilo (145); Alexandra Hall (149); Cabinet Hall (145); Cebu (149); The Gadwall (147); Christmas Joy (147); Amos (145); Venus (145); Tommy Boy (147); Silver Belle (145); Toby (145); Kate (145); Mon Talsman (145); Merry Thought (145); Blue Star (153).

Tai-Mo-Shan Handicap, "D"
Class, First Division, six furlongs.—Amos (147); Banjolina (140); Bluelove (144); Christmas Bella (150); Devon (140); Echo (140); Fighting Blood (140); Gallant Stag (140); Just Imagine (156); Little Gem (140); Mindoro (158); Mistletoe (140); Pure Music (144); Scappit (140); Silver Bell (151); Siwash (155); The Shoveller (160); Toby (149); Valeta (140); Whoopee (140).

Tai-Mo-Shan Handicap, "D"
Class, Second Division, six furlongs.—Buchanan (140); Cabinet Hall (140); Cebu (151); Chiu Quan (157); Choctaw II. (140); Christmas Joy (155); Cy-pes (145); De Bene (140); Espy (140); Frillery (140); Glorious Stag (152); Gold Bar (140); Helvellyn (157); New King (140); Sonny Boy (140); Sunbeau (140); Sunning (152); The Gadwall (165); The Rainstorm (140); Until Then (140); Valley Hall (145).

Charters Towers Handicap, one mile 171 yards.—Evening Star (165); Fritz (150); Kobibel (late Winter's Tale) (152); The Raindrop (170); Wotin (165); Canny (135); Gold Digger (125); Joaquim (120); Kilrea (160); Retha (150); The Rainbow (135); Tin Tac (120); Westland Stag (145).

If the Top Weight does not accept, all weights to be raised by 5 lb.
Third Aggregate Stakes, one mile.—Bag and Baggage (148);

Cyclamen Bay (145); Fortune Bay (145); Gay Crusader (148); Glen-eagles (163); Gold Key (142); Wild Life (148); Nippy (148); Valorous (145); Lonesome Life (139); Sadko (154); Hetman (151); King's Bounty (148); Stirling Castle (136).

Mount Parker Handicap, "C"
Class, 1 1/4 miles.—Adam (154); Aircraft (140); Alexandra Hall (145); Bistre (155); Britannic Hall (140); Chivalrous (155); Cloudy Eve (140); Iloilo (140); Imperial Hall (145); Indiana (153); Kate (153); King's Norton (140); King's Parade (150); Little Beaver (155); Little Thunder (165); Marquis Hall (152); Merry Thought (145); One Third (140); Paul Pry (149); Peppermint (165); Philanderer (165); Punch (140); Snappy Eve (140); The Plover (140); Tommy Boy (144); Wembley Stag (154); Wonderful Stag (140).

The Hunchbacks Plate, seven furlongs.—Gold Cup (145); Horsord (145); Lucky Prince (145); Sunbeau (149); Until Then (151); Malakit (145); Estrellita (145); Valley Hall (151); The Curlew (145); Valeta (147); Gamster (145); Amon (151); Jupiter (147); Hirwego (147); Dan'l Whiddon (145); City of Shanghai (149); Firefly (145); Jimmy (147); The Rainstorm (149).

Mount Gough Handicap, "E"
Class, seven furlongs.—Blue Plane (140); Celerity (140); Dan'l Whiddon (140); Estrellita (140); Firefly (140); Friar John (140); Gee Gee (140); Gold Cup (140); Highjinks (140); Hirwego (148); Horsord (140); Jimmy (149); Jupiter (146); Kanpaz (140); Lucky Bird (165); Lucky Prince (140); Malakit (140); Movie Star (140); Po-cahontas (163); The Wind (155); Trigo (140); White Label (163).

High West Handicap, "B"
Class, 1 mile 171 yards.—Blue Star (155); Bright Star (165); Champagne Bay (140); Chateau Bay (140); Daylight Eve (150); Doctor's Mandate (153); Don (159); King's Service (144); Meridian Star (162); Mike (150); Nippy (155); Tiana (162); Tontine (140); Valorous (162); White Jade Stag (158); Wild Life (165); Workable Stag (140).

HEAVY SCORING AT KING'S PARK.

Cumberland's Narrow Victory.

RADIO DEFEATED.

Yesterday evening, in a very evenly contested hockey encounter, a team from H.M.S. Cumberland defeated the Radio Sports Club by the odd goal in seven. G. Singh (2) and K. Singh netted for the Radio, whilst the centre-forward (3) and the left wing replied for the Cumberland. For the Radio, Hanib, G. Singh and K. Singh were prominent throughout, whilst outstanding players for the Naval eleven were the goalkeeper, centre-half, centre-forward and left full-back.

Return Match.

A return match will be played at Caroline Hill ground, on Friday, at 5.15 p.m., when the Radio will be represented by the following:—

A. Spary; B. Singh; J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack; M. Singh; Surgin Singh; J. T. K. Gilchrist; G. Singh; Kalwant Singh and H. Singh. Reserves: Atta Singh and Jagcet Singh.

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

HOCKEY—Club v. Jats on U.S.R.C. ground at 5.30 p.m.
MAMAK SHIELD—St. Andrew's v. Incognitos at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

CRICKET—Interport Nets at H.K.C.C. at 4.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

CHESS—Open Championship.
HOCKEY—Club "A" v. R.A.O.C. at King's Park at 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Interport XI. v. United Services.
RACING—Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

CHESS PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

Friday.

A. C. Ridlington v. G. W. Greene
D. E. Carvalho v. H. W. Randall
B. W. Paul v. S. L. Husain
C. M. Sequeira v. P. T. Rozario

Phar Lap's Sire And Dam Sold.

Night Raid An English Horse

Wellington (N.Z.), March 29.

Night Raid, the English-bred sire of Phar Lap, who recently won the Agua Caliente Handicap in Mexico, was sold for 2,500 guineas at the sale of the Kaituna Stud to-day.

Phar Lap's dam, Entreaty, who is in foal to Night Raid, was also sold with one of Night Raid's colts at foot. She fetched 1,500 guineas.

PHAR LAP'S CAREER.

It will be recalled that Phar Lap, the wonder horse of the Australian turf, died from cholera quite recently. It came as a great surprise to both trainer and owner as the animal had swept over the Agua Caliente Handicap, to net \$50,000 for the owner and to make history by smashing the existing record for the course. It covered the 1 1/4 miles in 2 mins. 2 1/5 secs. By winning the American classic Phar Lap almost passed the record for stake money previously held by an American horse, Sun Beau. That horse retired with winnings amounting to \$71,000. Phar Lap won \$65,000.

The Australian wonder horse was bred in New Zealand by an English sire, Night Raid, out of Entreaty, and had in his veins the blood of Spearmin, the famous English Derby winner, Night Raid being by Radium out of Sentiment by Spearmin.

"Phar" is said to be Senegalese for "Wink of the Sky" (or "Lightning") and the famous horse was nicknamed "The Red Terror."

Phar Lap ran 51 races in his career, and of these, he won races at every distance from six furlongs to two miles. Only nine times was he unplaced; he had 37 victories to his credit, three seconds and two thirds. In these 51 races he covered 65 miles 7 furlongs, and won roughly ten shillings for every yard he ran. For his 37 victories, his average time works out at 38 miles per hour.

Among his more notable wins were those in the Melbourne Cup, A. J. C. Derby, Victoria Derby, and Victoria St. Leger.

Although in the Agua Caliente Handicap Phar Lap had to carry top weight of 9 st. 8 lb., he was favoured, inasmuch as 1 1/4 miles was just about his best distance. His record for the mile and a quarter in Australia was 2 min. 2.5 secs. The record for the Agua Caliente track was 2 min. 3 sec., but Phar Lap clipped it by one-fifth of a second.

Mr. Davis, its owner, is a San Francisco business man. Although the cost of conveying Phar Lap to America was over £1,000, all expenses were borne by the Americans, who were anxious to see the wonder horse in action.

After the shots that were fired at him prior to the 1930 Melbourne Cup, this unsuccessful attempt being made owing to the vast fortunes which would go to the backers if he won, as he easily did, no stone was left unturned to see that he got to the post at Agua Caliente in safety. Five attendants crossed the ocean with him and he was never left unattended, day or night, one attendant even sleeping in his stable. This was specially built on the after-deck and he had a parade of saw-dust laid down so that he could take his daily exercise. Special food was taken from New Zealand to last him the trip.

Steve Donoghue, who made a special trip to Agua Caliente to look at Phar Lap, was much impressed by him. "They tell me," he said, "that Phar Lap not only stays well but has the speed of a sprinter. I should say, from what I saw of him, that he is a horse of the highest class and a weight carrier.—Reuter.

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SOUTH AFRICAN TENNIS.

Davis Cup Players Out of Championships.

TWO BIG SURPRISES.

(P.A.F.S.)

Johannesburg, March 31.
The defeat of the 1931 members of the South African Davis Cup team in the South African lawn tennis championships has confounded all the experts. Ranked No. 4, C. J. Robbins knocked out South Africa's No. 1, Louis Raymond, in the second round, and in the semi-final Robbins defeated Norman Farguharson, the old Cambridge Blue.

Robbins will meet Max Bertram, the 21-year-old player who made his name when he reached the final last year and then lost to Raymond. This year Bertram repeated his victory over Kirby, who played well in England last season, winning the semi-final against him by 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

CANADIANS LEAVE OXFORD.

Finest Ice Hockey Combination.

The Oxford University ice hockey team, who won the League championship with a record of 12 victories in 12 games, will not be seen in action again. The players are all Canadians, and all, with one possible exception, have finished their studies at the University, and are returning shortly to Canada. This is a pity, for the Dark Blues team were the best that has ever played regularly in Eng-

MANCHESTER CITY FOR FRANCE.

Two Engagements in Early May.

INTERESTING MOVE.

(P.A.F.S.)

Paris, March 31.
Manchester City, according to the "Auto," have accepted invitations to play in France against two of the leading French Association clubs.

On Ascension Day, May 5, they play the Racing Club de France in a match to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that famous club, and on May 7 they will meet the Red Star Olympique at Saint-Ouen.

AMERICA'S CUP SOUVENIR.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Gift Goes Back.

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(Reuter.)

New York, March 28.
It is stated that Lord Inverforth, who is staying in Washington as the guest of Gen. Dawes, has brought him the cup which the United States people presented to the late Sir Thomas Lipton on the occasion of his first attempt to win back the America's Cup in 1899.

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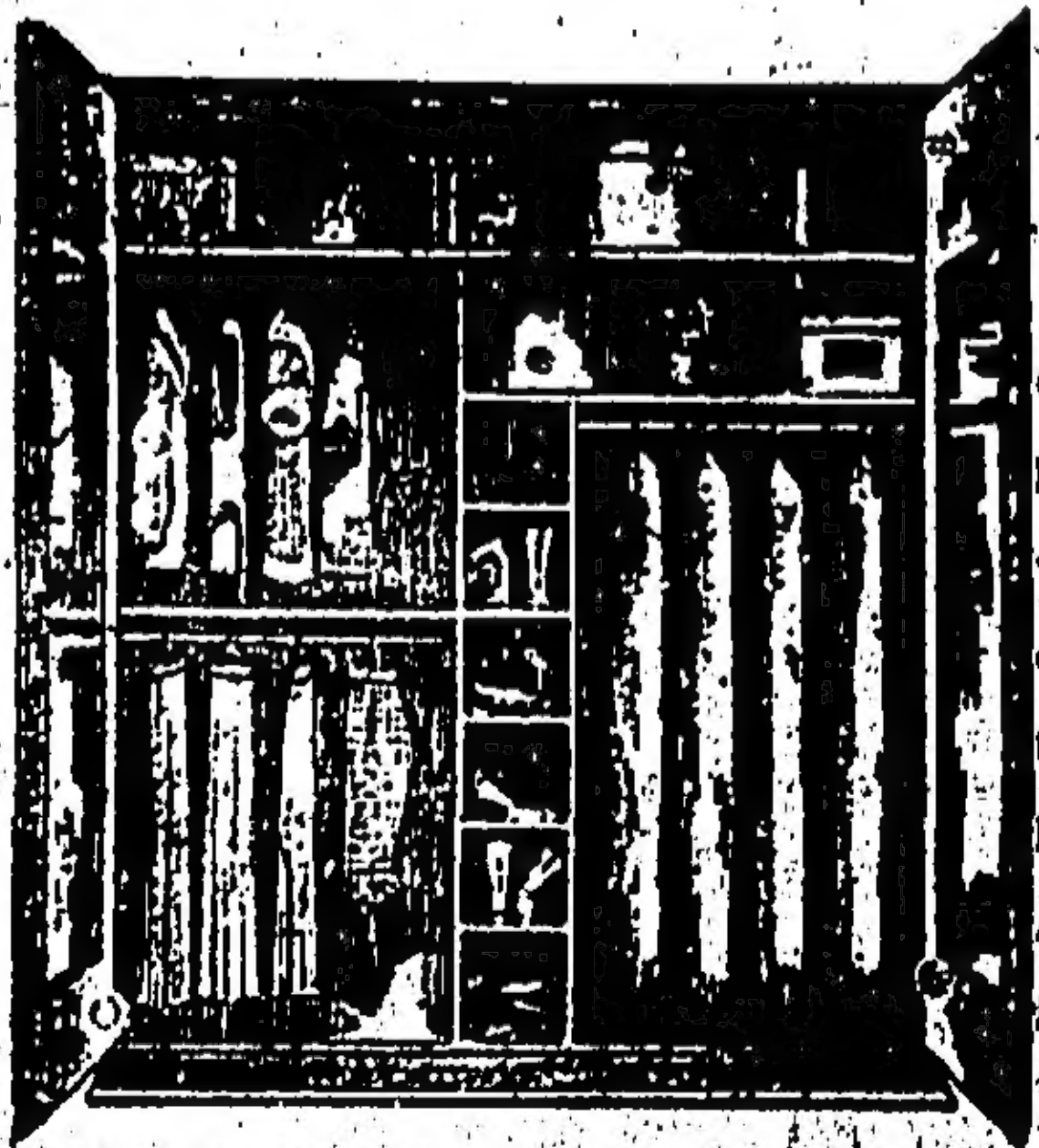
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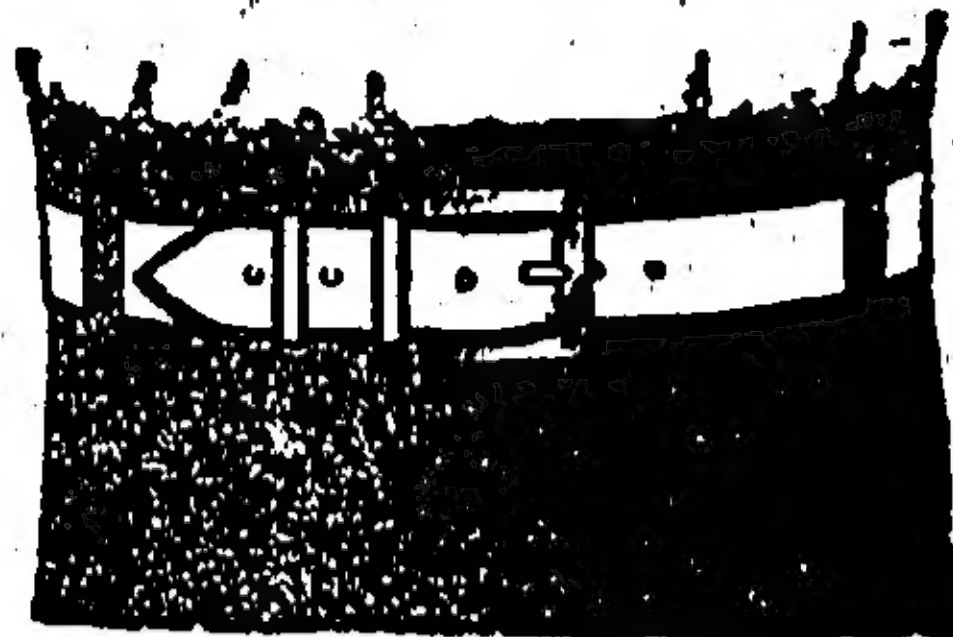
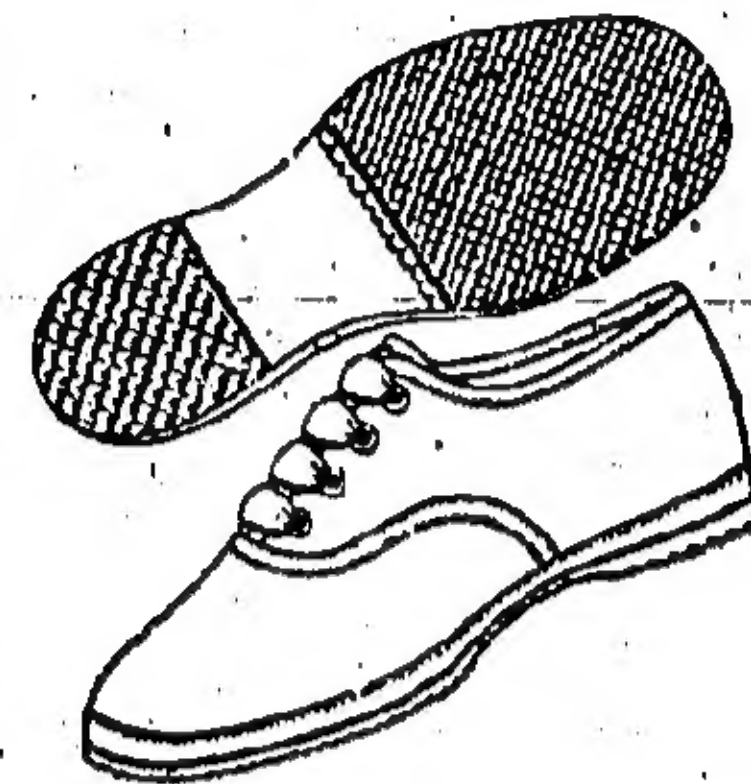
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 27, 1932.

The Soviet's Policy.

The alarmist reports emanating from Russia during the past two months have caused considerable speculation and uneasiness, and the world is wondering whether most of the reports are authentic or merely part of the usual Soviet propaganda. Many have scoffed at the news of Soviet preparations for war but the regularity of the rumours of late has indicated that they are not entirely without foundation, and yesterday a responsible newspaper as the London "Morning Post" printed an article dealing with "Soviet preparation for the eventual struggle with Japan." The article alleged that Russian troops have been moved to the border since last year and that extensive fortifications have strengthened, particularly at Vladivostok. A few weeks ago Japanese officials accused the Soviet of massing 100,000 troops near Vladivostok, but this was not confirmed. That there has been some military preparation along the Manchurian border admits of no doubt but the extent and significance of such movement cannot be determined.

The Soviet has the world perplexed, but it would seem by the casual attitude of Japan that Japan possesses more knowledge than most nations of the Soviet moves. The forbearance and stilted silence of the Soviet on the Manchurian incident caused much surprise, and last year rumours were frequent of the existence of a secret agreement between the two nations. Recent events do not lend much support to that view, and informed observers are now speculating whether the Soviet policy was one of waiting for an opportunity to catch Japan in a disadvantageous position. Moscow may have foreseen the many difficulties that her rival would experience in Manchuria and China, and may have bided its time. Certainly, if there is to be conflict between the two countries, the Soviet position is more advantageous now than in last September, now that Japan is coping

with uprisings in Manchuria in addition to facing a deadlock at Shanghai. The possibility of a combined Chinese and Russian attack on Japan has been mentioned, and many are apprehensive of the present situation.

Japanese ambition cannot be realised without loss to Russia, and there are many grounds for the contention that another Russo-Japanese war is inevitable. Such a happening, although regrettable from the international aspect does not appear to cause an undue amount of perturbation abroad, probably for the reason that most people opine that such an occurrence would be a personal and private fight, and would entail sacrifice and loss to only the two parties concerned. Whether this opinion is correct is open to doubt. Soviet propaganda of late has been directed against what is termed the Imperialist menace, and fears have been expressed of a pending attack from the White Russians. This announcement has been ridiculed as the "Soviet bogey" and the general interpretation is that it is a cloak for action in another sphere.

The disturbing aspect is that the Soviet claims that the Red Army is prepared for any eventuality are correct. The Soviet is one of the leading military powers, an although figures are not obtainable it is known that the Soviet land and air forces are the largest of any nation, exceeding even those of France. The Soviet authorities have not devoted all their energies to their industrial plans, but have also concentrated on building up a strong and efficient Army, in which women play, quite a considerable part. The strength of the Red Army is a matter for conjecture, but on paper at least it appears formidable. The rigid censorship of news from the Soviet makes any estimate from outside uncertain and the amount of propaganda that issues from Moscow adds to the haziness of the information available. However, investigation of the situation at the border is now being made and the cables should soon give an indication of the authenticity of the reports of big-scale troop movements around Vladivostok. There are many reasons why the Soviet may consider it advantageous to dispose of a dangerous and ambitious neighbour, but there are just as many reasons for the adoption of a neutral policy, for the future at least. There is much support for the theory that the Soviet would not enter into any war for some years owing to the check a war would place on the industrial progress of the nation. The lack of alarm, amounting almost to indifference, at Tokyo is assuring, and on the face of it, much of the report of the military preparations along the border can be discounted, even if not wholly discredited.

LOCAL MENINGITIS.**Six Fresh Cases
Reported To-day.**

When interviewed by a China Mail reporter this morning, the M.O.H., Dr. G. W. Pope, said that six fresh cases of meningitis (four from Hong Kong and two from Kowloon) were reported up to noon to-day, this bringing the total of local cases up to 106, since the beginning of this year. Dr. Pope thought that the outbreak was well in hand, and that a fresh outbreak was not likely. Asked as to the danger that might be caused by the meningitis patient, who escaped from the Isolation Hospital, and is still at large, Dr. Pope replied—"It depends on the surroundings. If the man is in confined surroundings, then there is a danger, but otherwise, I think not."

Yesterday's Figures.
Two cases of Meningitis and one case each of Small-pox and Diphtheria were reported for the 24 hours ending yesterday.

**BLAZE AT KAI TACK.
MASHED STABLE****Ponies Rescued.**

An outbreak of fire occurred at Kai Tack aerodrome last night, a mashed stable being completely destroyed. Fortunately the wind was blowing the blaze away from the hangars and other buildings.

The destroyed building was at the time of the fire being used as a stable for polo ponies by the Royal Air Force Officers, but all the animals were released uninjured. The flames were first noticed by a Kai Tack Motor Bus Co. driver at about 9.10 p.m. who gave the alarm.

The flames were under control in about half an hour.

TONG YAU STREET.**Great Danger to Fire
Department.**

On summonses for storing methifated spirits at their premises at 3, Tong Yau Street and 9, Tong Yau Street, respectively, without a licence, Tong Shing, and Ng Kwong-hing, were fined \$25 and \$50 respectively, by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. J. C. FitzHenry, Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, who prosecuted, stated that Tong Yau Street was very narrow and afforded great danger to the Fire Brigade in the event of an outbreak. Although it was possible to run a hose along the thoroughfare, great difficulty would be encountered in effecting a rescue. He added, though, that if both defendants applied for a licence each, their applications would be favourably considered.

**CAPE AIR ROUTE OPENED FOR
PASSENGERS.**

Rugby, Yesterday.
When the weekly African air mail leaves Croydon to-morrow the entire 8,000 miles route to Cape-town will be open for passengers as well as for mails and parcels. Hitherto passengers have been carried only to Nairobi. The first through passenger carrying service also leaves Capetown to-morrow. The through fare of £130 includes meals, hotel accommodation and tips, and the journey takes 11 days as compared with 17 by surface transport.—British Wireless Service.

Personal Par

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Lai Chi-hing, of 68B, Wellington Street, first floor, and Kwan Wan-ching, of 23, Reclamation Street, top floor, Kowloon; and of Lo Kamson, of 61, Queen's Road East, second floor, and Yau Kwai-hing, of Ha Kee Market, Siu-nam district, Kwongtung.

News in Brief.

Dr. Bug, Professor at Columbia University, who is doing research work in the Far East, will give a lecture on "Our Changing Civilization and the New Education" to the Education Society, Hong Kong University on Thursday, April 28, 1932, at 8 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall. The lecture will be illustrated and the general public is invited.

**NEW C. IN C. FOR
CHINA STATION.****Vice-Admiral Dreyer
Appointed.**

FROM FEBRUARY, 1933.

London, To-day.

The Admiralty Office announces the appointment of Vice-Admiral Frederic Charles Dreyer to be Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, dating from February, 1933.—Reuter.

A Distinguished Career.

Vice-Admiral Frederic Charles Dreyer, C.B. (Civil), C.B. (Military), C.B.E., is the son of the late Mr. J. L. E. Dreyer, Ph.D., D.Sc., and was born at Parsons-town, King's County, Ireland in 1878. Joining the Royal Navy in 1891, he has had a distinguished career. Among his activities during the war he was Flag Captain to the then Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, and later Commodore, and Chief of Staff, to Admiral of the Fleet, Viscount Jellicoe, on the Naval Mission to India and the Dominions in 1919 and 1920. He was A.D.C. to H.M. the King, 1922-1923.

Among his later appointments he has been a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff since 1930, and has been Admiralty Representative on the League of Nations Advisory Commission since last year.

**HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.**

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

On the resumption of business after the Settlement, markets did not open promisingly this morning, and although quotations remain unchanged, generally no interest was shown in either the investment or the speculative sections.

Sales.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,500.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), \$13.20.
China Lights (old), \$21.30.

Buyers.

Douglases, \$27.
Benguet Explorations, 30 cents.
Providents (old), \$4.65.
Providents (new), \$2.30.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), \$13.15.
Hong Kong Lands, \$76.
Hong Kong Realities, \$11½.
Chinese Estates, \$96½.
Yaumati Ferries, \$38.
China Lights (old), \$21.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78¾.
Macao Electric, \$24.
Cements (combined), \$18.70.
Constructions (old), \$5.60.
Constructions (new), \$1¾.
Govt. Loans, 4 per cent. Premium.

Sellers.

South China Motors "B", \$12.
Hong Kong Trams, \$22½.
S.C. Enterprises, \$9.

SHANGHAI SHARES.**Latest Cabled Quotations.**

The following cabled quotations received by Carroll Bros. of Shanghai shares were received to-day:—
Ewo Cottons \$15.00
Shanghai Lands \$23.25
Shanghai Electric "Beater" \$30.00

CABLE COMPANY.**Imperial & International
Communications, Limited.**

Estimated Traffic / Receipts—
March, 1932—\$411,686.
Receipts—March, 1931—\$447,688.
Aggregate Receipts, January to March—1932, \$1,255,169; 1931, \$1,251,087.
In comparing the aggregate receipts, regard must be had to the changed conditions of sharing traffic.

SUMMER CRUISE FOR FLEET.

Portsmouth, To-day.
The Manned Ships of the Home Fleet, including the Flagship H.M.S. Nelson, left Portsmouth to-day for a Summer Cruise in Scottish waters.
The cruise will be followed by visits to coastal holiday resorts. British Official Wireless Service.

**IRISH SWEEP PRIZE
AWARDED.**Delayed from Last
Year.CAFE PROPRIETOR GETS
\$52,000.

Starts on World Tour.

London, To-day.
Emilio Scala, an Italian cafe proprietor, has at last received the proceeds of the first prize which he won in the Irish sweep for the Grand National last year. The long delay was due to the litigation over the ownership of the ticket for the horse. Scala is now better off by \$52,000, after paying legal and other expenses.

He has given £5,000 each to the four brothers and he has himself set off immediately on a world tour.—Reuter.

**H.K. & Y. FERRY
COMPANY.**A Profitable
Year.LOSS ON THE KOWLOON CITY
SERVICE.

The eighth ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company Ltd., was held at the Chinese Restaurant, this morning, Mr. Lo Chung-kue taking the chair.

The net profit for the year including \$8,564.83 brought forward from last year, amounted to \$256,194.18. A loss of \$26,219.36 on the operation of the Kowloon City Ferries was experienced. For 24 cases of Life Saving, \$111, was paid as awards. The sum of \$150,000 was transferred to the building fund, and \$76,663.82 is to be paid out as dividends and bonus. The meeting was conducted in Chinese.

WHERE BEST TO CHASTISE.**A Magistrate Recommends
"The Proper Place."**

A native shopkeeper, summoned for caning a boy aged nine in his employment, has received advice from the magistrate as to how exactly such chastisement should be administered, says a Reuter Colombo (Ceylon) message. The defendant was alleged to have caused "an abrasion on the left upper arm and two linear contusions on the left thigh." The magistrate, dismissing the charge, delivered himself thus:

"It appears that the boy misbehaved himself and was moderately chastised.... I, however, warn the accused not to chastise the boy anywhere except on the proper place...."

A COMPLIMENT TO THE COOK.

One of Napoleon's marshals might claim to have established a precedent for awarding the Legion of Honour to the president of the Cooks' Association of Paris, which has caused some slight flutter among other holders of the coveted ribbon. For when the First Consul instituted the Legion Moreau, the victor of Hohenlinden, was strongly opposed to the revival of honorific distinctions, and to show his contempt for the new "gewgaw" gave a dinner party to a distinguished company, at the close of which he summoned his cook into the dining-room and solemnly informed him, "Michael, I am very pleased with your dinner; you have indeed distinguished yourself; I herewith award you the Saucepan of Honour."

UNKIND SPEAKING.

At the Somerset Assizes at Taunton damages amounting to £10 each, and costs, were awarded to Mrs. Hale, headmistress of Godney Council School, near Wells, and her daughter, a temporary assistant teacher, against Edward Hayes, of Henton, Wells, a correspondent to the Godney managers, for having made defamatory statement about them.
Mr. Justice Rowlatt said that a great deal of misery was caused in this world by unkind speaking about as much as was caused by drink. It costs nobody anything to keep their mouth shut, and it was a pity it was not more often done.

Combating Meningitis Outbreak

Sanitary Board's Discussion

Dr. Pope Attributes Disease to Bad Housing

At yesterday's fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, presided over by Mr. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Sanitary Department), the meningitis outbreak was the subject of much discussion. A member of the Board, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, submitted a resolution for more effective methods of checking the disease, urging propaganda in the way of public lectures and illustrated posters.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Pope) strongly opposed the motion, and pointed out that something must be done to the appalling houses, in which the coolie class of Chinese dwell. In his opinion, the lack of fresh air in these "tunnel" houses was to a great extent responsible for the spread of meningitis. He added that propaganda would be of no benefit.

When put to the vote, Dr. Basto's motion was defeated by four votes to three.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) replied to four questions asked by Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, in regard to the meningitis epidemic.

Q.—As the causative organism of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis has been found to belong to several groups or types, has there been any attempt at typing the organisms isolated from the cases occurring in the present epidemic?

A.—Yes. The necessary preliminary work towards doing this has been in progress from an early period in the epidemic.

Q.—If this has not been done, will the Government consider doing so immediately?

A.—See answer to 1.

Q.—If on the other hand, this has already been done, which is the particular type of meningococcus responsible for the greater number of cases occurring in this present outbreak?

A.—It has not been possible to complete this work yet; it will be a considerable time before the results are available.

Q.—Is the corresponding anti-type serum (as distinct from the usual polyvalent serum) being prepared, and if not, will the Government consider its preparation with regard to the present epidemic, seeing that according to the latest researches it has been found that the mortality rate is greatly diminished when the 'type' of organism is known and the corresponding anti-serum employed?

A.—The preparation of serum by immunisation of animals takes about 3 months, hence the serum now in progress of preparation can hardly be of use in the present epidemic—the work at present being done can only be considered in the light of the future. As a matter of fact no other serum but a polyvalent serum is ever employed in modern treatment as the infecting organism are always of multiple types. Our present serum has been tested against several of the organisms recovered in the present epidemic and found to be highly potent. The preparation of future serum will of course be modified, if necessary, by the information gained during the course of the present work.

After his questions had been answered, Dr. de Castro Basto moved the following motion:

"That in the opinion of this board it is desirable in the public interest that more effective measures be taken to check the spread of the present outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the Colony, including the organisation of an intensive health propaganda campaign for the purpose of instructing the public both as regard the methods of prevention and cure of this disease."

He said in part, "when I drafted the motion standing in my name a few days ago" he said "the incidence of the epidemic of cerebro-spinal fever was at its highest. I am glad to note however that the disease is on its wane, but nevertheless I shall let the motion stand."

In combating a disease in its epidemic form, the earnest co-operation of the public is of the utmost importance. Unless the public understands the mode of

spread of a disease, the curative methods employed with its chances of success; unless they understand the principle of the methods employed by the authorities in checking it, it is impossible to expect from them the desired co-operation.

"With this end in view I suggest that steps be taken to institute an intensive form of propaganda to instruct the general public as to the methods of prevention of the disease. The propaganda could be effected through the press, by means of illustrated posters, public lectures in open spaces, or better still through the agency of a Health Propaganda Bureau to be established under the auspices of this Board."

Dr. Basto then outlined his proposal.

In seconding Dr. Basto's motion, Mr. M. K. Lo said that, in doing so he confessed that personally he really did not know what actual steps one must take against the disease, but, as a member of the public he did feel that they had, more or less, resigned themselves to the fate of the disease, and there is a state of futility and fatality in the air.

He thought the best steps that could be taken were those suggested by Dr. Basto, a man of good medical qualifications. He felt that they would be infinitely better than the alternative of inertia. However, he was not committing himself in agreement with all the suggestions put forward by the Doctor.

Dr. G. W. Pope, replying, opposed Dr. Basto's suggestion of propaganda as a prevention, stating that it would be of no good, as it would mean the poorer class having to buy newspapers. He stated that from January 1 this year, there had been 100 cases of meningitis, whereas, up to Sunday, there had been 875 cases of tuberculosis, about 8 a day, which meant about 3,000 a year.

What was the value of propaganda? One might even recommend a Chinese of the ordinary coolie class to go for a six months' voyage. He took offence at Dr. Basto's wording of his proposal.

He mentioned that no cases of meningitis occurred in the open spaces of Prince Edward Road or Kowloon Tong, but they occurred, in the main, in these "tunnel" houses in the city, and the poorer class of dwellers were the unfortunate victims. He added that something must be done to these houses, or the figures in tuberculosis and bronchitis would increase. He described the houses as appalling.

Mr. Sayer strongly supported the M.O.H. in what he had said. Dr. Basto had condemned his own thoughts with his own mouth. Because the M.O.H. did not get excited, it did not mean that he was not doing his best in taking preventive measures. The figure of 100 cases of meningitis, he thought, was most amazing, when one considered the conditions under which the poorer class of people lived in the Colony.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, in supporting Dr. Basto, said that he had understood Government had no intention of pulling down these "tunnel" houses. If that was so then what was the remedy? He believed in prevention being better than cure, and strongly urged that preventive steps in that line be taken.

After apologising to Dr. Pope, Dr. Basto went on to describe the difference between meningitis and tuberculosis. He said that meningitis is an acute disease that comes on suddenly and without warning, and it did not give the patient time to recover. It did not give him or her time or opportunity for treatment, whereas tuberculosis is a very gradual disease, which takes years to kill. Ninety per cent. of these cases were chronic.

He suggested that eighty per cent. of the Colony's population was composed of the poorer class. Dr. Basto's motion was lost by four votes to three. The winning was For the motion—Dr. Basto.

THE VILLAGE ROAD MURDER.

Mr. Lindsell Opens Crown's Case.

ACCUSED'S ALLEGED PLOT.

Quarrels and Jealousy.

The First Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, was crowded to its utmost capacity, when Mr. Wynne-Jones commenced the preliminary hearing in the case in which Cheng Kwok-yau, aged 20 years, scion of a very wealthy family, who is charged with instigating the murder of George Fung, alias Fung Hin, on the night of March 24 at Village Road, Happy Valley.

It will be recalled that Fung, at the time of his death, was in company with Miss Lai Ming-fay, a one time Chinese film star. Fung was shot in the back, the bullet penetrating the heart.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted for the Crown, outlining the case at great length.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended the accused, while Mr. P. H. Sin watched the proceedings on behalf of one Edward Zimmermann, mentioned as a witness for the Crown.

Crime Passionelle.

In the course of the Crown's outline, Mr. Lindsell said that at about 8.30 p.m. on March 24, George Fung left the house of a friend at 14 Shan Kwong Terrace, in the company of the girl, Lai Ming-fay, with whom he was cohabiting and whom he proposed to marry. It will be the Crown's case that the commission of this dastardly and cowardly murder was procured by the accused, who had very good reasons to hate Fung and had been plotting his death; that the crime had been in fact a *crime passionelle*, and the accused found this desperately inhuman method of solving one form of the eternal triangle.

In 1928, Miss Lai Ming-fay came to Hong Kong with her father as a member of a theatrical troupe, and they gave certain charitable performances. Through the Chairman of the Association, with whom he was friendly, the accused met Fay and took an interest in her. In September 1929, accused, took with him the sum of \$80,000, and lived for a time with Fay and her father. It was during this period that Fung appeared on the scene. Fay's father left for Peking and left her in charge of the accused. They lived at two different addresses and practically passed as husband and wife, although they were not intimate.

In September 1931, another schoolmate of Fay, a sister of Bessie, named Annie Au, came down from Shanghai, the rest of the household having then moved from 79, Wongsheichong Road, to 60, Village Road, where they were still living in February.

On February 20, there was one of the usual quarrels between Fay and the accused over Fung, which ended in accused throwing himself out of the house, saying he was going to Canton.

Quarrels and Jealousy.

The girl Fay, at that time, was admittedly fond of the accused, but owing to quarrels and jealousy she threatened to leave him more than once, but his counter-threat was to shoot her. In April, 1930, the accused left Shanghai heavily in debt. Fay followed him later and he provided her with a flat in Kowloon. Later in that year, she returned to Shanghai when she saw Fung once or twice but apparently did not attract him. In February, 1931 she returned to Hong Kong with her mother and Bessie Au, a schoolmate of hers, and all lived with her under the accused's protection at 97, Wongsheichong Road. Fay met Fung for the first time in Hong Kong, and at the time accused and Fung were friends.

Alleged Plot.

The Crown had to admit that the accused's plot to kill Fung was based on what Mr. Lindsell could not describe otherwise than as tainted evidence. It was that of two witnesses who admitted having encouraged accused in his plot, leading him on not to murder, but in order that they themselves might blackmail him, whatever happened.

On March 5, at the First Extra Race meeting, one Edward Zimmermann, an obvious black sheep of a

Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and M. E. Lo. Against the motion—Dr. G. W. Pope, the Hon. Mr. T. T. Cressy, Messrs. G. B. Sayer and F. C. Hall.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Colony's Finances.

FURTHER EXPENDITURE OF \$75,174.

Supplementary estimates for 1932, totalling \$75,174 are presented in a message from H.E. the Governor to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Details of the items are as follows:—

Estimates, 1931.
191.—34, Miscellaneous Services:—Depreciation of Sterling Securities—\$144,986.00

The cost price of the Trustee Stock held on account of surplus funds was \$104,096.18.10. The mark value as at December 31, 1931, was \$94,091.4.1, the depreciation at that date being therefore \$10,005.9.9 which at \$1=1/4.9/16 amounts to \$144,985.18 and has to be written off. A vote for this sum is necessary.

(C.S.O. 27 in 173/31).

192.—34, Miscellaneous Services:—Loss on Sale of Stock—\$6,708.00.

Of the holding of \$20,000 nominal value of Newcastle Corporation 1945/56, 4 1/2 per cent. stock for which \$19,200 was paid for account of surplus balances the Crown Agents for the Colonies sold one half realising \$9,137.2.0, a loss of \$462.18.0 which at 1/4.9/16=\$6,707.68. The \$9,137.2.0 was reinvested in December, 1931, in London County Council 1945/56, 4 1/2 per cent. stock at a face value of \$10,137.14.0. There has therefore been a slight increase in the nominal value and the yearly interest will also be slightly more.

A vote is requested to cover the difference between the original price and the sale price.

(C.S.O. 27 in 173/31).

193.—34, Miscellaneous Services:—Loss on Exchange—\$385,962.00.

The loss on exchange for 1931 amounted to \$385,961.21. Of this sum \$200,722 was due to the reduced dollar value of sterling securities owing to the rise in exchange during the year. The balance of \$185,240 is the loss incurred owing to the rise in the dollar on our short term investments in the Joint Colonial Fund and to other minor adjustments. In 1930 it will be recollected, that owing to the heavy fall in the dollar the sum of \$1,480,590 was carried to Revenue.

(C.S.O. 27 in 173/31).

194.—34, Miscellaneous Services:—33, Newspapers and Periodicals—\$1,228.00.

Provision made in Estimates (page 110 sub-head 33) \$ 8,500

Provision made by Supplementary Vote (Message No. 15, item No. 153) ... 1,900

Total \$10,400

The supplementary vote approved under Message No. 15 of December 29, 1931, proved to be insufficient. Final figures for the year show a deficit of \$1,228.00 and a vote for this sum is requested.

Newspapers and periodicals purchased through the Crown Agents cost \$416.10.6d. or \$8,318.04 of which \$70.5.2d. or \$1,249.04 was

well-known and much respected family here, came into the picture, and being out of work, accepted payment of \$40 per month as "bodyguard" to the accused.

Poison Suggested.

At this point it appears that the accused became desperate and started making definite offers, particularly to Christie, of a very large reward if he would procure the death of Fung. They all came over to Hong Kong, except Souza, who was left behind to keep a watch on Fung's movements. Christie suggested the one of poison in the form of potassium cyanide.

Miss Fay's Evidence.

Miss Lai Ming-fay was then called to give evidence for the Crown, and in the course of a long and searching cross-examination by Mr. Lindsell, said, at the age 16 years she was a Cinema Actress and then joined the legitimate stage to become an actress proper. Accused did propose marriage while on a trip with her to Singapore, and gave her a diamond ring.

Replying to a further question by Mr. Lindsell as to why marriage was not mentioned again, witness said that it was because accused's family did not agree to the marriage.

"I think you came back to Hong Kong about New Year last year?" "The hearing was adjourned to Friday afternoon."

spent in October and these figures were not to hand when the first supplementary vote was prepared. (C.S.O. 27 in 173/31).

Estimates, 1932.
23.—31, Miscellaneous Services:—Sino-Japanese Conflict—\$10,000.

A sum of \$10,000 is requested to meet expense in connection with the Sino-Japanese conflict owing to the necessity for maintaining special precautions in the Colony. The undernoted expenses have to be met:—

Pay for Police Reserves.
Cost of buses standing by during Chinese New Year festivities as a precaution against further anti-Japanese demonstrations.

Board and lodging for members of "E" contingent at Sailors' Home, Wanchai, for protection of residences and shops.
(C.S.O. 8 in 1680/31).

24.—37, Public Works Extraordinary:—Hong Kong Buildings. Purchase of House No. 525, The Peak—\$48,000.

Purchase of the above house for use as Senior Officers' Quarters at a cost of \$46,000 plus \$2,000 for fittings.

(C.S.O. 937/1932).

25.—35, Public Works Department:—Special Expenditure. Purchase of Broadcast Transmitter—\$9,361.

A sum of \$87,960 (F. M. 9 Item 55, August 31, 1931) was provided for the purchase of a broadcast transmitter.

The Electrical Engineer reports that it was not possible to complete the erection and installation by the end of the year.

A vote equal to the unexpended balance on last year's vote is therefore requested to complete the work.

(C.S.O. 174 in 225/30).

26.—11, Post Office & Wireless. (B) Wireless:—Rent of Broadcasting Studio—\$4,518.

Owing to the unsuitability of the Post Office Building for broadcasting it was decided to remove the studio to the 2nd floor (Island site) of Gloucester Building. The above sum represents the rent of the premises from March 16 to December 31, 1932, at \$475 per month.

The rooms vacated in Post Office Building will relieve overcrowding in the Radio Department and provide accommodation for the new Infant Welfare Officer.

(C.S.O. 512/28).

27.—23, Police Force:—Special Expenditure. Police Reserve Motor Emergency Unit—\$2,800.

A sum of \$2,800 is requested to purchase a motor van for the use of the Police Reserve Emergency Unit.

It has been the practice in the past to hire buses (which are unsuitable and expensive to hire) for the conveyance of Police Reserves. As the Reserves are one of the first of the auxiliary forces to be called out in the event of any local disturbance it is considered that a suitable van permanently attached to the unit would greatly increase its efficiency.

The amount required is made up as follows:—
Cost of Chassis \$2,500
Making and fitting body 300

\$2,800
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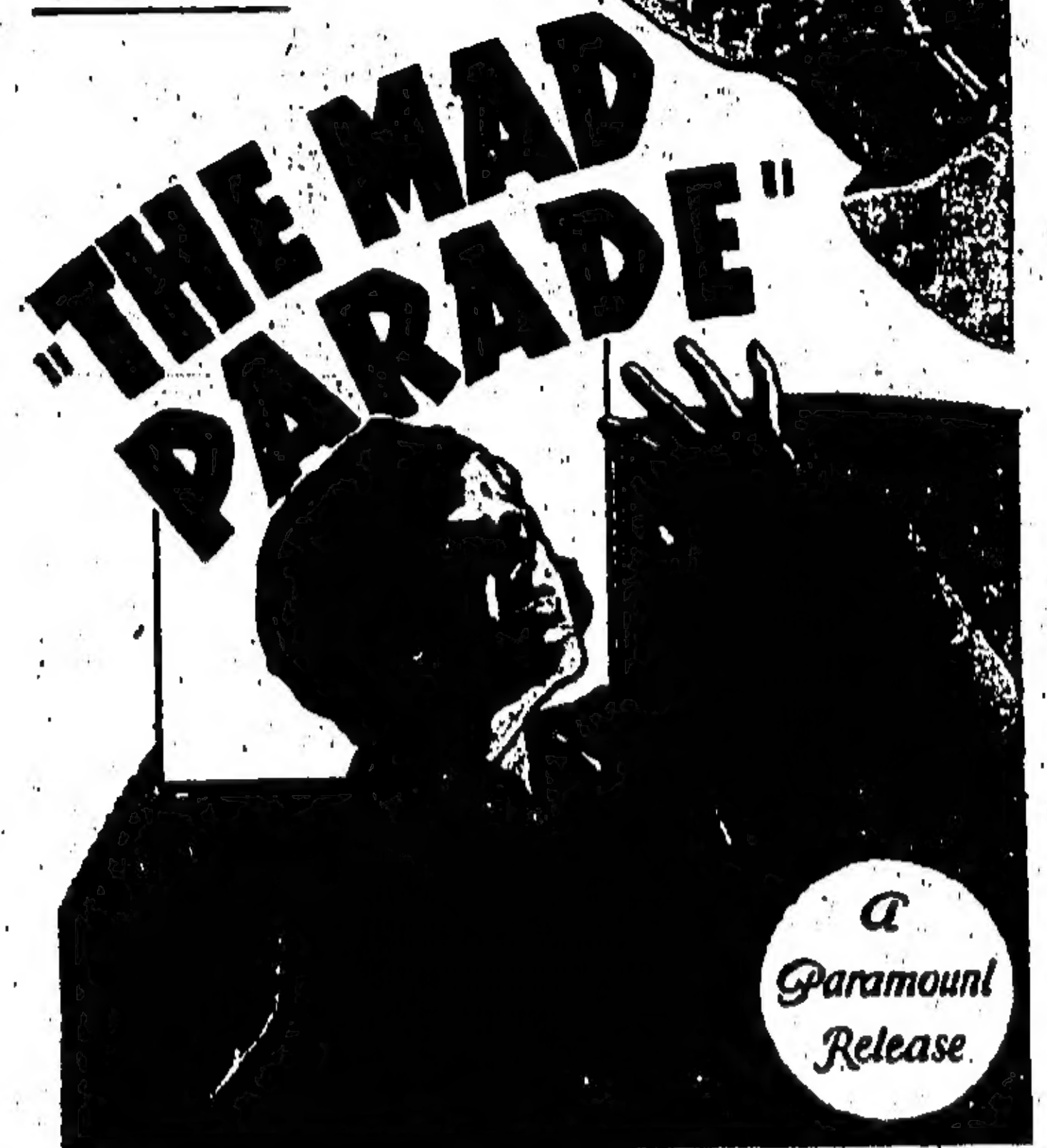
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NOTICE.

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AT MACAO.

THIS MEETING will be held as the Postponed Meeting of 17th April, and all conditions (Handicaps, etc.) will hold as applicable to this Meeting as if it had been held on the 17th April.

The Two Dollars Cash Sweepstake for the 5th Race on 8th May, 1932, will be drawn on the 5th Race of this Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th April, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 30th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

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The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAF,
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Hong Kong, 26th April, 1932.

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Hong Kong, April 22, 1932.

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GROWTH OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Mr MacPherson's Address to Rotarians.

NOT COMMUNISTIC.

Rotarian J. L. MacPherson was the speaker at yesterday's tiffin of the Rotary Club, at the Lane, Crawford restaurant. His subject was the growth and expansion of the Y.M.C.A. movement.

It had its inception in London in 1844 and had grown steadily ever since until, at the present time, its activities are world-wide.

The founder of the "Y" was an Englishman named George Williams, and from small beginnings the movement had made such steady growth that before the end of the long and useful life of the founder it had become practically world-wide, with 1,000,000 members.

Seven years after its inception, in 1851, visitors to the Great Exhibition in London came into contact with the Y.M.C.A. and were greatly impressed with it. The result was that two groups of visitors carried the idea home, and before the end of that same year similar organisations had been started in Montreal, Canada, and Boston, U.S.A.

The movement extended readily in the English-speaking countries, and America took up the idea so readily that at the present time almost one-half of the world membership of approximately 2,000,000, are in North America.

Mr. MacPherson spoke in particular of the work done by the "Y" in China in the field of promoting sport, health, and mass general education. He emphatically refuted the allegation, sometime made, that the Y.M.C.A. was Communistic, and replying to a criticism that it had lost its "C," said:

"If what makes an institution Christian is a deep regard for human life, an unflinching insistence on its worth, an unchanging purpose and unfolding plan to give every man and boy a real chance to attain his potentialities, body, mind, and spirit, to afford the fullest opportunity to participate in the enlightenments and satisfactions of life—all this in the spirit of service—I maintain the "C" is still there."

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank, wire 1/3 1/2
Bank, on demand 1/3 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/3 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/4 1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/4 1/4

On Paris—
On demand 685
Credits, 4 months' sight 635

On Berlin—
On demand Nom
On New York—
On demand 23
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/2

On Bombay—
Wire 84 1/2
On demand 84 1/2

On Calcutta—
Wire 84 1/2
On demand 84 1/2

On Singapore—
On demand 54 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 46

On Shanghai—
On demand 77 1/4
Opillar 6% dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 71 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/4 1/2

Silver (per oz.) 17
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.

Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 1% prem.

Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 23 1/4% dis.

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Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris 92 1/2
New York 3.64
Montreal 4.06

Brussels 25.95
Geneva 13.75
Amsterdam 8.97 1/2

Milan 70 1/2
Berlin 15.30
Stockholm 19.95

Copenhagen 13.20
Oslo 19 13/16
Vienna 32 nominal

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 27, 1932.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, May 24, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Fin.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1500	100	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 29, 32
Chartered Bank	11	11	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 29, 32
Merchants' Bank, Ltd.	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 29, 32
Bank of Asia	115	115	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 29, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	49	49	Dec.			
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1250	1250	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] May 19, 32
Union Ins.	400	400	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] May 19, 32
China Underwriters	1	1	Dec.			
China Fire Ins.	500	500	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] May 19, 32
H. K. Fire Ins.	1195	1195	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
International Asse. Co.	1	1	Dec.			
Shipping.						
Douglases	37	37	Dec.			Last dividend for 1931
H. K. Steamships	13	13	Dec.			Last dividend for 1931
Indo-China (Pref.)	15	15	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] June 19, 32
(Def.)	32	32	Dec.			
Shells Steamer	35 1/2	35 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] July 5, 32
Union Waterboats	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
Mining.						
Benguet	151	151	Dec.			First Int. 25 cents on 1st 1932
Kailan Mining	26 1/2	26 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
Langkat (Single)	1	1	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] May 19, 32
Shai Exploration	1.10	1.10	Dec.			
Loans	1	1	Dec.			
Raubs	30	30	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 6, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields	3	3	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
Chinese Explorations	80 1/2	80 1/2	Dec.			
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Dock	144	144	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 10, 32
South China (A)	10	10	Dec.			
China Dock (old)	1.60	1.60	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
(new)	2.30	2.30	Dec.			
Hongkong	290	290	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Pending
N. Engineering	6	6	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 30, 32
Shanghai Docks	8 1/2	8 1/2	Apr.			[Final Dividend 1931] July 29, 32
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	13.15	13.15	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 18, 32
(Right)	26	26	Dec.			
H.K. Lands	76	76	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 15, 32
Shanghai Lands	24	24	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Apr. 8, 32
Metropolitan Lands	10	10	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Oct. 29, 32
Humphreys	16 1/2	16 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realities	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 3, 32
Asia Realities	150	150	Dec.			
Chinese Estates	96 1/2	96 1/2	Dec.			
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	15	15	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Apr. 29, 32
Shanghai Cotton	75	75	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Dec. 31
Zhong Sing	10	10	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Oct. 8, 32
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	29 1/2	29 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 17, 32
Peak Tram (old)	15 1/2	15 1/2	Apr.			[Final Dividend 1931] June 15, 32
(new)	8	8	Dec.			
Sar Ferry	90	90	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 15, 32
Yamato Ferry	50	50	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Apr. 27, 32
China Light (old)	32	32	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Dec. 31, 32
(new)	20.50	20.50	Dec.			
H. K. Electric	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 23, 32
Macao	26	26	Dec.			
Sandakan Lights	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 3, 32
H.K. Tel. fully paid	15	15	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 28, 32
China Bus	15	15	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Feb. 6, 32
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.			
(Pref.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.			
Industrials.						
Malacca Sugars	21	21	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 4, 32
Cald. Mag. Ord.	14	14	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 27, 32
(Pref.)	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.			
Canton Ice	5.05	5.05	July			[Final Dividend 1931] Oct. 9, 32
Cements (com.)	12.70	12.70	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] Mar. 21, 32
(old)	23.35	23.35	Dec.			
(new)	5.45	5.45	Dec.			
H. K. Ropes	14.10	14.10	Dec.			[Final Dividend 1931] April 7, 32
China Agriculture	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.			
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	93	93	Dec.			[Final Dividend 193



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 SUWA MARU Saturday, 14th May.
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 HEIYO MARU Saturday, 21st May.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
 LIVERPOOL via Saigon, Port Said, Marseilles, Genoa & Valencia.
 TOYOOKA MARU Friday, 13th May.
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 MURORAN MARU Friday, 20th April.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo. Celebes Maru Wed. 4th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon. Himalaya Maru Tues. 3rd May
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday). Hozan Maru Sun. 1st May
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 DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong.	Arrives Wuchow.	Leaves Wuchow.	Arrives Hong Kong.
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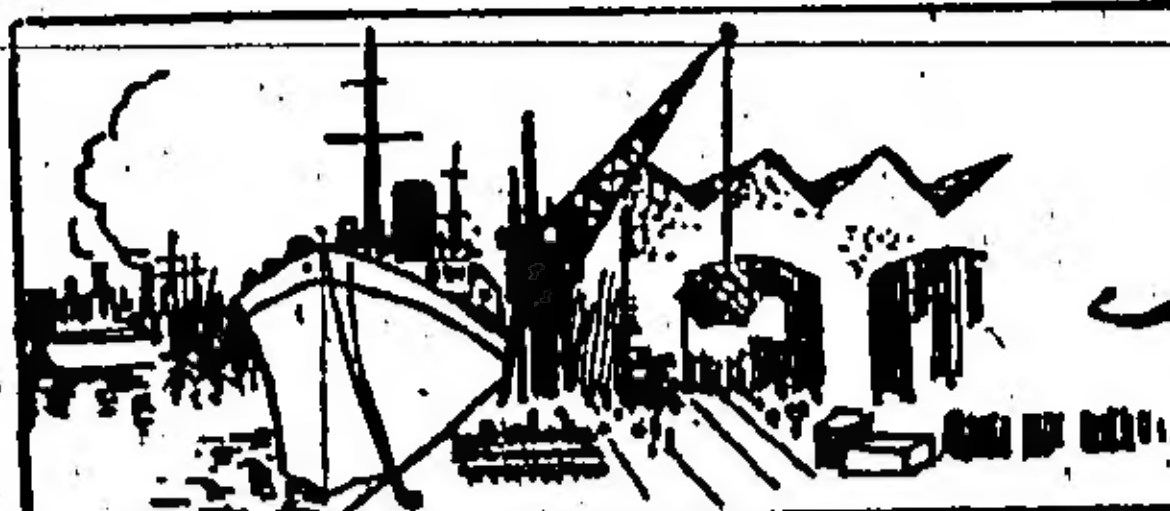
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SPECS FOR COWS.

Cows wear spectacles in North Russia, and the suggestion is being put forward that they might very well do so in France, says Reuters Paris correspondent.
 Not that French cows are any more short-sighted than their

Soviet comrades. The experiment has been tried in Russia to protect the cows' eyes from snowstorms and the bitter winds, and has met with great success.

French cows suffer not from the snow in winter but from flies and mosquitoes in summer, and it is suggested that comfortable glasses might save them much suffering.



ATLANTIC TRAVEL OVER 100 YEARS.

Rivalry Among Nations.

STRUGGLE FOR BLUE RIBBON.

At a time when the Atlantic passenger and mail service is so much in the public mind; and when competition, accentuated by subsidy, has produced the Europa and Bremen, which, in their turn, have led to the difficulties with the giant Cunarder and other enormous foreign high-speed ships, a "Century of Atlantic Travel" is as opportune as it is interesting.

This story of Atlantic mail and passenger services is an unbroken tale of competition for the blue ribbon of the Atlantic. The "Post Office Packet" service began its regular schedule to New York at the end of 1710, the Packet brig Royal Anne inaugurating it. Under Captain Shorter she made the passage from Bristol to New York in 50 days and the eastward run in 28.

Throughout the Eighteenth Century European nations vied with one another for the growing emigration and mail traffic. In 1827 seven sailing ships, owned by Messrs. Hall, Blake and Henshaw, made their passengers surprisingly comfortable, their first-class accommodation including library and bath-room, and the fare £28.

In 1819, amidst the scorn of the seafaring world, the little Savannah, with detachable paddles, crossed the Atlantic with engines which were running, however, for 80 hours only in the 29 days.

The Royal William.

In 1831 no fewer than 278 sailing vessels entered New York from Great Britain, and in 1833 the Royal William, of 830 tons, constituted the first real threat to the sailing packets. Though she lost money she was bought by a firm among whose directors was Samuel Cunard, a name to grow famous on the Atlantic route.

The story of rate-cutting and cut-throat competition started in 1837, and each succeeding decade saw a growth in the speed and tonnage of ships. In 1835 the Board of the proposed Great Western Railway had decided to build the Great Western to run from Bristol to New York, and from this ship, of which there is an excellent picture, Mr. Haven carries his readers up to the Bremen through the history of the famous ships of the past and present.

The United States, jealous of the prestige and success of the Cunard Company, began in 1843 the unwholesome practice of subsidizing the four steamers Arctic, Baltic, Atlantic, and Pacific, of the United States Mail Steamship Company, thus inaugurating a regime of State trading, which in the past ten years has cost the American taxpayers over \$1,000,000,000.

In 1850 the Cunard liners Africa and Asia, of 2,226 tons and a horsepower of nearly 80,000, had a speed of 12½ knots. In 1853 the Cunarder Canada beat the famous clip-

per Sovereign of the Seas, which had been transferred to the Western Ocean to uphold the honour of the sailing ship. In the 'Sixties the French prepared to enter the Atlantic trade, with a subsidy of 9,300,000 francs for two services, and things were moving in Germany with the Hamburg-America Line.

The Spanish, with Government subsidy, also endeavoured to revive their merchant fleet.

Ill-Fated Ships.
 The story of the Great Eastern is graphically told, and as an "historic failure" she may yet be rivalled by the new Cunarder, should that vessel end her life on the stocks.

The stories of the wrecks of the Slavonia and Titanic are retold, and among the pictures with which the book is lavishly illustrated is one of the ill-fated Titanic casting off from Southampton on her maiden voyage, which was never completed.

Lack of space prevents adequate justice being done to so fascinating and valuable a book, which should be a great encouragement to harassed shipowners, especially the Cunard Company, in these days of extreme stress.

Time and again our shipping companies have been faced with heavy loss, and sometimes ruin, but on each occasion the depression has passed, and British ships, British officers, and British shipowners have proved to the world that foreign competition, artificially stimulated by Government subsidy, is apt to wither before the independence, the spirit of adventure, and genius of its unsubsidised British competitors.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Good Freight Figures Yesterday.

The Harbour Office Reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday gave a free movement of vessels with a high tonnage. Freight were up to the mark, both the inwards and throughs reaching five figures. The total tonnage entered was 54,471.

There were 14 inward registries, of which three were British and five of four figures, while of the ten throughs, four were British and seven of four figures. One vessel arrived in ballast.

Passengers entered during the period included 35 Europeans and 1,937 Asiatic deck, British vessels carrying 279 out of the total in all classes.

Details follow:—

Nationality	Arr. H'Kong	Dep. Through	Cargo Tons
British	6	1,925	20,047
American	2	765	3,312
Dutch	1	795	202
Norwegian	3	9,564	7,355
German	1	4,188	2,302
Japanese	2	4,456	1
Chinese	2	137	2
Totals	17	21,728	33,218

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Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Gasic Star are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 28.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.
 Japan Nellore
 Japan Takada
THURSDAY, APRIL 28.
 Shanghai and Swatow Kwangtung
 Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia
 (London, April 7) Calcutta Maru
FRIDAY, APRIL 29.
 Manila President Taft
 London (Parcels only, London, March 23) Hector
 Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia
 (London, April 8) Hakone Maru
 Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., April 9) Empress of Japan
 Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, March 31) Hakoziaki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.
 Straits Hai Hing 3.30 p.m.
 Amoy Tainan 3.30 p.m.
 Samahni and Wuchow Chung On 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 28.
 Straits and Calcutta Ho Sang
 Parcels Apr. 28, Noon.
 Letters 1 p.m.
 Hydrangea 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 29.
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Yang 1 p.m.
 Bangkok Bintang 1.30 p.m.
 Japan Hakoziaki Maru 3.30 p.m.
 Manila Empress of Japan 5 p.m.

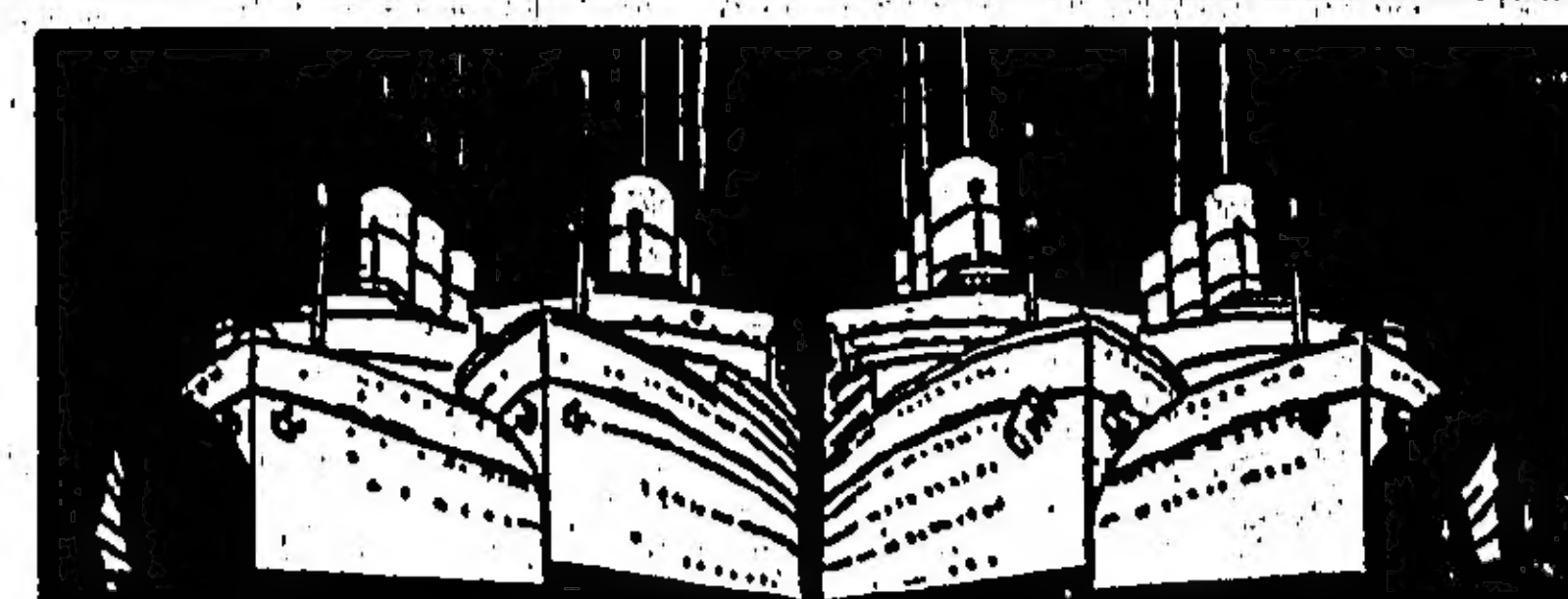
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 Emp. of Russia Aug. 12 Aug. 15 Aug. 16 Aug. 18 Aug. 20 Aug. 27 Sept. 2
 Emp. of Japan Aug. 26 Aug. 29 Aug. 31 Sept. 2 Sept. 8 Sept. 13
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EMPRESS OF ASIA May 11	May 13

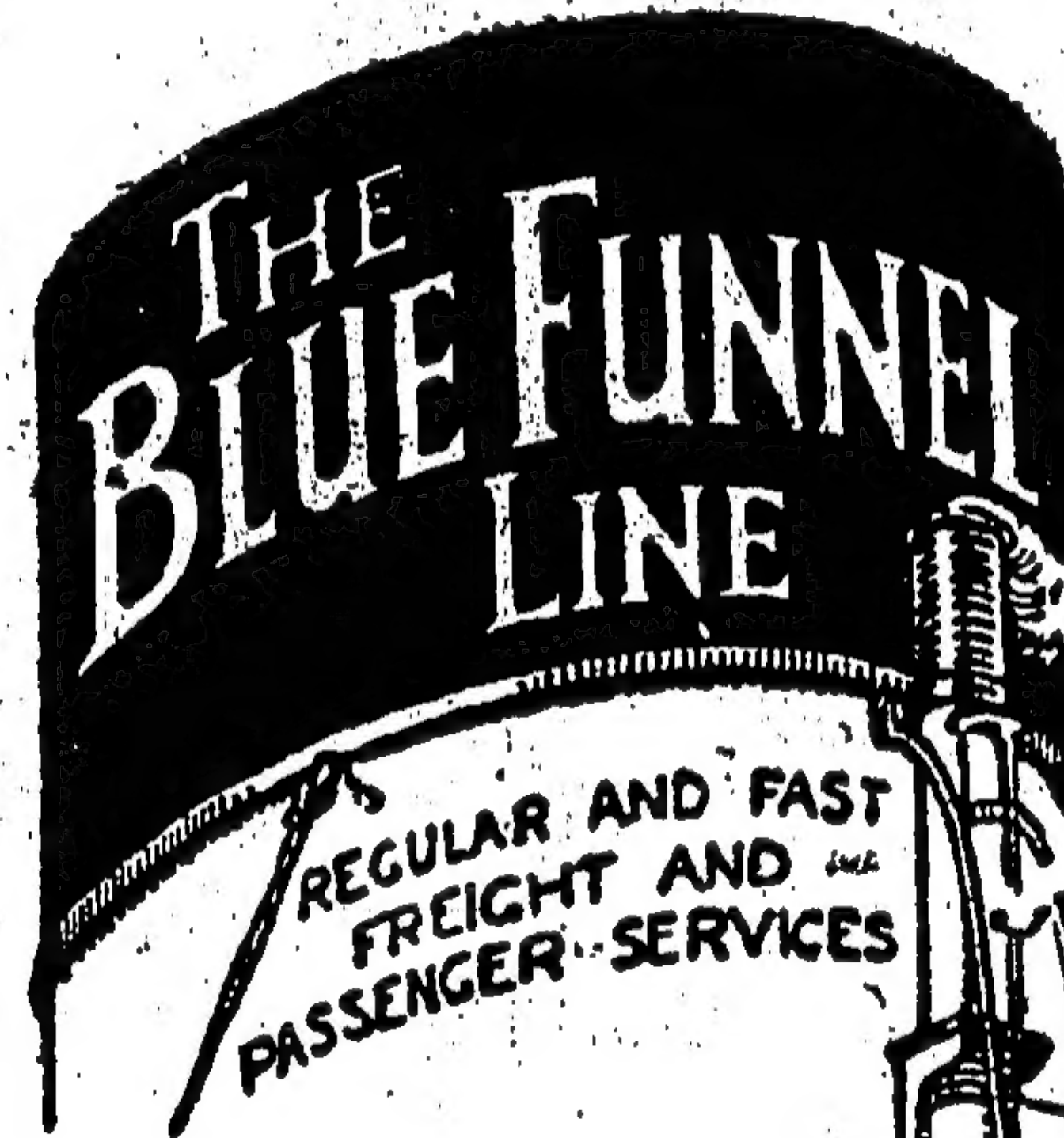
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CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,300	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
††BANGALORE	6,800	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
††BHUTAN	6,800	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
††SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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1932.			
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RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	5th May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	7,000	6th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALMA	10,000	10th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,800	1st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	2nd June	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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NANKIN	7,000	6th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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foster the trade of the Empire, the
Falmouth Docks and Engineering
Company have set a fine example
to other firms throughout Great
Britain.

The company is embarking on a
scheme for the construction of a
new wharf, and it was necessary
that a supply of massive timber
piles should be procured. When
the docks were taken over by the
present proprietors—the shipping
combine of which the Federal is a
unit—some years ago, the wooden
piles required for the building of
the northern arm were obtained
from Portland, Oregon, America.
Determined to support Empire trad-
ing, the company looked around for
a likely source of supply, with the
result that Mr. John Silley, O.B.E.,
the managing director of the com-
pany, was able to place an order for
\$30,000 worth of Queensland timber
(turpentine piles).

When the Christen Smith motor-
ship Belpariel, which reached
Falmouth recently, left Brisbane
with the timber on board tremen-
dous interest was shown in her de-
parture. It is understood that the
order afforded employment to 22
contractors and their men, and that
the swan timber was distrib-
uted between four country
mills.

Australian Piles Superior.

Apart from the fact that the
Falmouth Docks and Engineering
Company are helping to foster trade
within the Empire, they have made
the gratifying discovery, as the re-
sult of a series of experiments, that
Australian timber piles are superior
to those obtained from Portland,
Oregon.

On taking the docks over, the
company ascertained that the
American wood piles required re-
newing every eight or ten years,
owing to the ravages effected by the
marine pests. Inquiries were made,
with the result that turpentine piles
were imported from Australia. The
tests exceeded all expectations. It
is calculated that the life of an
Australian turpentine pile will be
about 40 years.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 tons of
these turpentine piles were dis-
charged from the Belpariel during
the week-end. These piles, from
72 ft. to 75 ft. in length, weigh as
much as eight tons each. They are
to be used for the construction of
an entirely new deep water wharf,
660 ft. long, with a depth of 26 ft.
at low tide. When completed, the
wharf will be one of the best of its
kind in the country, and be equipped
with electric cranes for the handling
of materials in an expeditious man-
ner.

Empire Wharf.

While the wharf may be
used from time to time for
cargo handling, it will be

more generally used for effect-
ing repairs, which have now
become a great feature in the port
of Falmouth. As everything in con-
nection with the construction of the
wharf has been produced within the
Empire, it will be known as the
Empire Wharf.

The Queensland Government is
looking forward to this particular
order from the Falmouth Docks and
Engineering Co. as the forerunner
of extensive contracts for Empire
timber for havens and piers in
Great Britain; many docks and har-
bour authorities, as well as borough,
city and county councils, are said
to be keenly interested in its use
in consequence of its relative im-
munity from wastage.

All the cross ties and beams of
the new wharf are from Vancouver,
Canada, and are being specially
creosoted. The wharf will be
decked throughout with Australian
brush box, which, it is anticipated,
will give a much longer life than
ordinary decking used in the past.

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR BROKEN LEG.

Owner to Pay \$3,700 to
Workman.

An instance of how foreign
vessels at Russian ports are made
to pay heavy damages for minor
or even imaginary mishaps is
furnished by the case of the Latvian
steamer Everest. This vessel was
discharging at Leningrad, when a
derrick pulley broke, and as a
result a workman had his leg
broken. Although the man is still
in hospital there is no evidence
that his working ability will be
affected by the injury, but the So-
viet authorities have started pro-
ceedings against the shipowner, and
the court has already issued its
decision. In this connection it may
be remarked that the president of
the court was a woman, and the
assessors were a man and a woman.

It was alleged that the accident
was due to the faulty condition of
the pulley, and that, therefore, the
owners were liable. The master
denied liability, his witnesses testi-
fying that the outward appearance
of the pulley gave no reason for
suspecting weakness. It was certi-
fied to carry two tons, and the
weight at the time of the accident
was only 1.2 tons. Moreover, the
discharge had been going on for
five days, during which time con-
siderably heavier weights had been
lifted by the pulley. The master
therefore contended that the mat-
ter was a pure accident, for which
the workman's employer, the
Sovtorgdot, should be responsible
especially as vessels loading and
discharging at Russian ports have
to pay insurance premiums for ac-
cidents to workmen.

The Russian interests called a
number of witnesses, to testify to
the alleged faulty condition of the
gear.

10 Years Wages!

The Court decided in favour of
the Sovtorgdot, and the owners of
the Everest were held liable to pay
damages amounting to 10 years'
wages for the workman, or 24,000

CONSIGNEES

BLUE STAR LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Steamer,
"GAELIC STAR"
From ANTWERP, HAMBURG,
ROTTERDAM, SWANSEA
NEWPORT & PORTS.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being land-
ed at their risk into the Godowns of
the Holt's Wharf, at Kowloon, whence
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless notice has been given 48
hours prior to vessel's arrival, but
carried on from port to port to the
final port of call to which the option
extends.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
28th instant will be subject to rent.
All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 7th May, or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
28th instant at 10 a.m. by our sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

In the case of dutiable goods, Con-
signees are requested to inform The
Imports & Exports Office that they
have such cargo for examination.

No Fire Insurance has been effect-
ed.

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ed by

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1932.

gold roubles and 1,000 gold roubles
in legal costs. The total amount at
the present rate of exchange, being
equal to \$3,700.

The Latvian Consul-General, at
the request of the master of the
vessel, protested to the Foreign
Commissionariat, but was met with
the reply that as the Court had
decided the matter there was
nothing to be done.

The master, who intends to ap-
peal against the judgment, will
have to deposit a further 1,000 gold
roubles as security in respect of
legal costs.

DEATH ON SHIP.

Young Japanese
Acquitted.

Perth, March 2.

When the Japanese freighter
Hayo Maru was at Geraldton on
February 1, Tomoza Nonaka, 30,
fireman, was fatally stabbed.
Toshio Horowaka, 23, engineers'
apprentice, was committed for trial
on a charge of murder at an in-
quest at Geraldton.

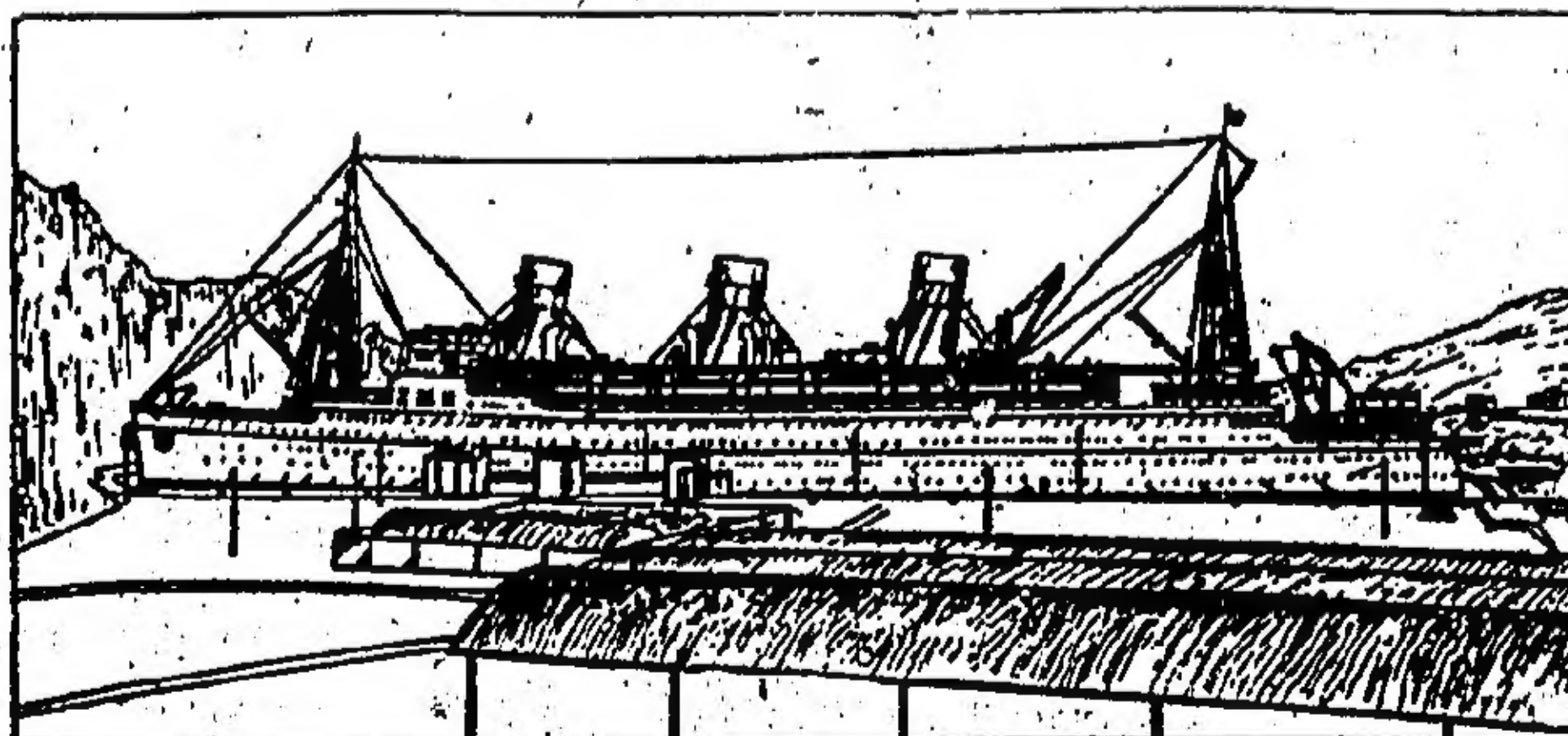
The trial took place yesterday,
in the Supreme Court, before Mr.
Justice Draper and a jury. Hor-
owaka was acquitted and discharged.
Evidence was given that four
members of the crew went ashore
and got drunk, and when they re-
turned to the ship, about midnight,
Horowaka, who preceded the others,
quarrelled with Nonaka. It was
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the aggressor, and that Horowaka
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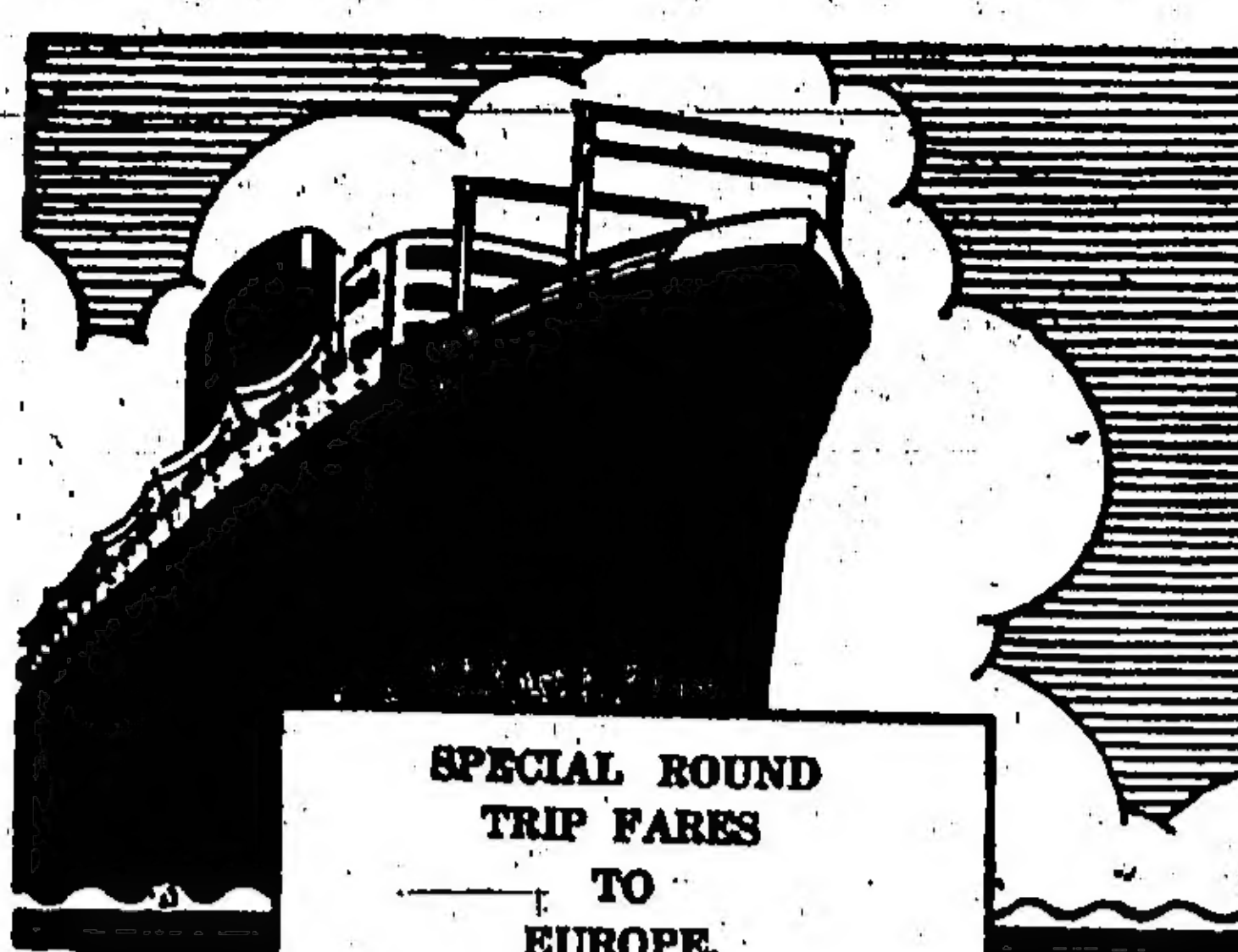
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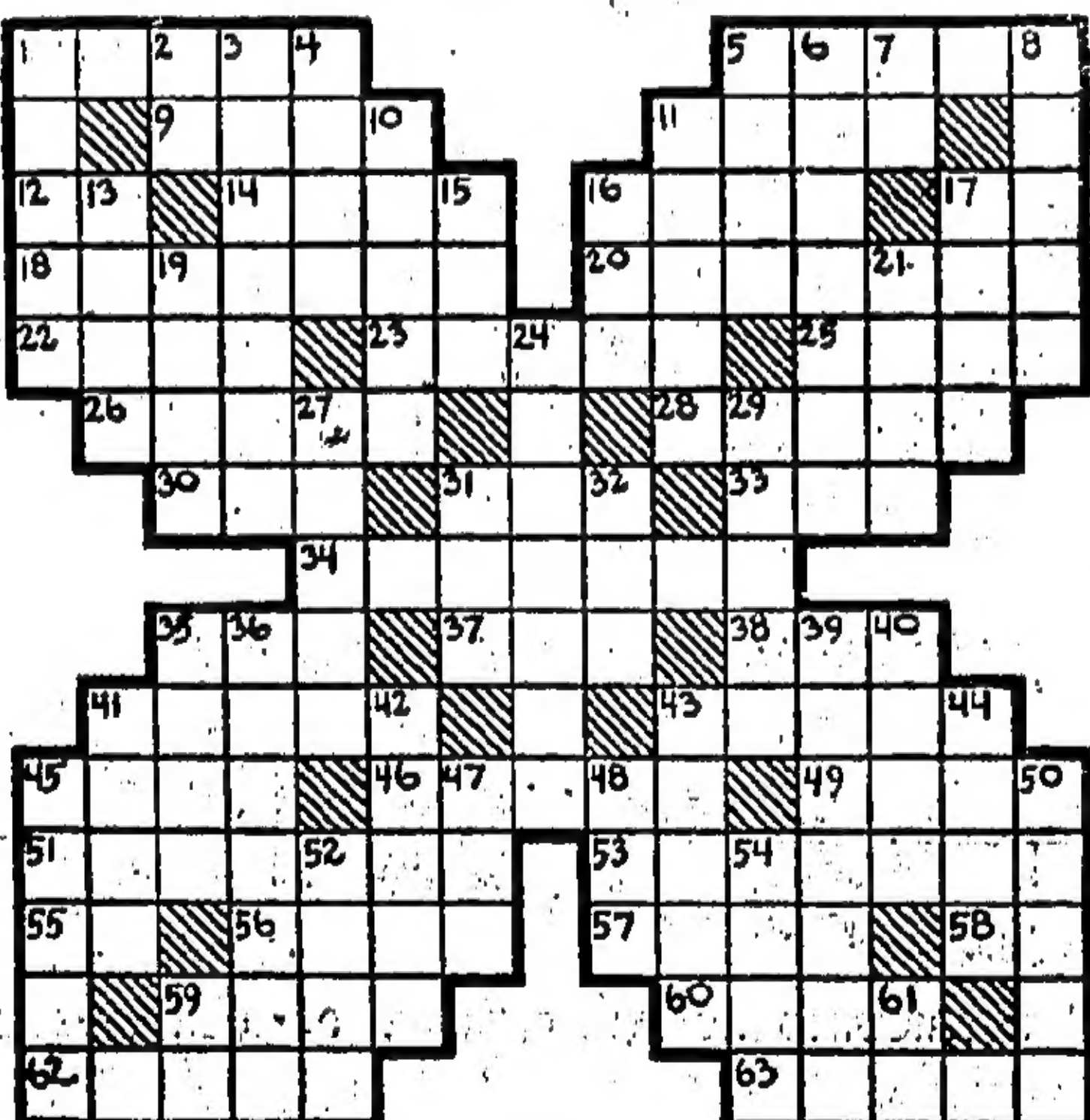
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HORIZONTAL

- 1—One who attends a child
- 3—Weaver
- 6—Circus name
- 11—Feminine
- 12—Editor (abbr.)
- 14—Principal Egyptian goddess
- 16—Combining form
- 17—Hawaiian islands (abbr.)
- 18—Gravest
- 20—Fog
- 23—To break suddenly
- 25—English town noted for wooden goods
- 26—Ready (Scott.)
- 28—View
- 30—Tongue-like member (pt.)
- 31—Roman Emperor (abbr.)
- 32—Boy's name
- 33—Feminine
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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45—Remunerated
- 46—An antiseptic solution
- 48—River in Russia
- 51—Agree
- 53—Wander aimlessly
- 55—Province of Canada (abbr.)
- 56—River in Egypt
- 57—Prefix. Around
- 58—No good (slang)
- 59—A diminutive suffix
- 60—Rip
- 62—Denote
- 63—Promote

VERTICAL

- 1—Wants
- 2—Musical note
- 3—Light foot covering
- 4—Feminine
- 5—Farm building
- 6—Having power to
- 7—Point of compass
- 8—Feminine
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VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Lairs
- 15—Saints (abbr.)
- 16—August
- 17—Pronoun
- 19—Every
- 21—The perfidious friend of Othello.
- 22—Penetrated
- 27—Fresher
- 28—An Englishman who became a Pilgrim Father.
- 31—Attorney (abbr.)
- 32—Before
- 33—Scared (slang)
- 34—Gravest animal
- 35—Covering with tin
- 40—Imitated
- 41—Impudence (Colleg.)
- 42—Name
- 43—Talent
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Apart from the birds, there will be offered for sale new-laid eggs, hatching eggs, feeding troughs, water fountains and an assortment of specialised poultry food. Mrs. R. M. Dyer (508, The Peak) and Mr. J. A. S. Alves (c/o Messrs. Hughes and Hough) were elected a sub-committee at the last meeting of the Fair Committee to organise and take charge of the poultry section. They will be very willing to assist intending exhibitors with advice and any other information.

The following provisional conditions have been drawn up for the information and guidance of intending exhibitors:

1. There will be no entrance fee, and no competition.
2. All birds intended for exhibit will be examined before they will be allowed to be shown. Birds with the slightest sign of sickness will be rejected.
3. All birds must reach the Peninsula Hotel not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, May 23, accompanied by a note stating clearly whether the birds are for exhibit and/or for sale.
4. Birds for exhibit may not be removed until after the Fair, say, on May 24 at 6 p.m. Those for sale can be removed immediately after the birds have been paid for. Chits will not be accepted.
5. Sanitary coops which will be thoroughly disinfected before use will be supplied. Every precaution will be taken that immediately after the close of the opening day's Fair and before the reopening on Empire Day, all coops and birds will be properly fed, watered and cared for during the period of the Fair.
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DOG BAG SNATCHER IN HARBIN.

Enterprising Young Man Who

Harbin, April 1.
An enterprising young man, evidently in order to overcome the effects of the local depression, has mobilized his faithful hound to assist him in keeping the larder well furnished.

This young man has taught his dog to jump up at ladies and snatch their handbags. Yesterday evening on the Novotorgovaya Street, one of the main thoroughfares of New Town, the dog approached a lady who was walking past the cinema. Suddenly it jumped at her and snatched her handbag. Without wasting any time the animal commenced to run away. Chase was immediately given and several drowsy drivers who were standing nearby commenced to throw stones at the dog. This caused him to drop the handbag. After running a fair distance the animal was seen to approach a young man. They both then hurriedly disappeared down one of the side streets.



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BALANCE OF TRADE BEING CONSIDERED

PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

In the House of Commons to-day several questions were put regarding Russia, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, was asked if Government would consider terminating the Russian Trade Agreement, and entering into a new agreement whereby Russian imports would be limited to an amount equivalent to that of British manufactured goods exported to Russia, any excess to be subject to 33 1/3 per cent. duty, a portion of which should go to a compensation fund for British creditors. Mr. Runciman replied that the Government were considering the question of securing a more satisfactory balance of trade between Great Britain and Soviet Russia, but did not consider that the claims of British creditors against Russia could be satisfactorily dealt with in such way. They

were impressed by the large preponderance of Russian business in Great Britain in return for the comparatively small business Russia did with this country.

Replying to later questions, Major Elliott said that the amount owing by Russia to Great Britain was £1,066,480,000 and the amount of interest on the debt was £53,324,000.

Fifty New Undertakings.

Questioned regarding Foreign firms who were opening factories in Great Britain as a result of the new tariff policy, Mr. Runciman said that fifty new undertakings had been set up during last few months. The majority were in or near London, and were, for most part, new businesses, but in a few instances they represented definite additions to existing businesses.—British Wireless Service.

IRELAND AND THE OATH.

Repudiation of Treaty.

MR. THOMAS' VIEW.

London, Yesterday. An important development in the controversy over the Free State Oath of Allegiance was announced by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, in the House of Commons to-day.

He declared that the Examination Bill introduced in the Day last week shows that it was designed not merely to remove the Oath of Allegiance but that it repeals Section II of the Free State Constitution, providing that the Anglo-Irish Treaty shall have the force of law, and any amendments to the Constitution affecting the Treaty shall be held void.

The Bill, he announced, also amends Article XV of the Constitution to enable amendments to the Constitution being made without being necessary to regard the terms of the Treaty. Mr. Thomas commented that the text of the Bill confirms the general view of his despatch to Mr. de Valera on April 19, that the Bill constitutes a repudiation of the Anglo-Irish settlement.—Reuter.

BRITISH TREATIES WITH CHINA.

Applicable to Manchuria.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Walter Runciman, the President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the existing treaties with China are applicable to Manchuria.

He added that in the circumstances the question of special trade arrangements need not be considered.—Reuter.

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New York, Yesterday. For the first time since 1915 the United States Steel Corporation has passed a quarterly dividend on common stock, though the regular dividend of \$1.75 is declared on preferred stock.—Reuter.

CHINESE MERCHANTS ARRESTED.

Harbin, Yesterday. It is reported that several local influential Chinese merchants have been arrested. No details are available.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI PEACE PARLEYS.

Delegates to Resume Conference.

SIR MILES LAMPSON'S PROPOSAL SUCCESSFUL.

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is reported in Chinese circles that the Chinese and Japanese delegates, with neutral representatives, may meet to-morrow to consider the wording of a draft truce agreement.

However, it is pointed out that the meeting, if it takes place,

that the Commission should confine itself to advising the Japanese military authorities when, in its opinion, normal conditions enabling the withdrawal of the Japanese troops have been established.

Draft Agreement.

It is learned that the Sino-Japanese Armistice Conference will be resumed as soon as the Committee of Nineteen passes the resolution embodying the amendment to Clause XI, which the Japanese refused to accept in its original form.

In the meantime the Drafting Committee, consisting of Chinese, Japanese and British representatives, will meet to-morrow morning to revise the wording and put the final touches to the draft agreement, reached at the recent Armistice parleys at Shanghai.

Quo Tai-chi Returns from Nanking.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi and Sir Miles Lampson arrived in Shanghai from Nanking this morning.

While refusing to divulge the contents of Sir Miles Lampson's formula for solving the Sino-Japanese deadlock, Mr. Quo Tai-chi stated that the formula suggested a revision of the wording of Article XI of the draft resolution of the Assembly Commission and it has, according to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, been already accepted by the Chinese Government.

He stated that the resumption of negotiations depends on the outcome of to-day's meeting of the Assembly Commission of Nineteen, and that the arrival of the Ministers is no indication that negotiations will be renewed immediately.—Reuter.

FOG OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, for to-day, states:—

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will be considered apart and distinct from the recently suspended armistice negotiations.

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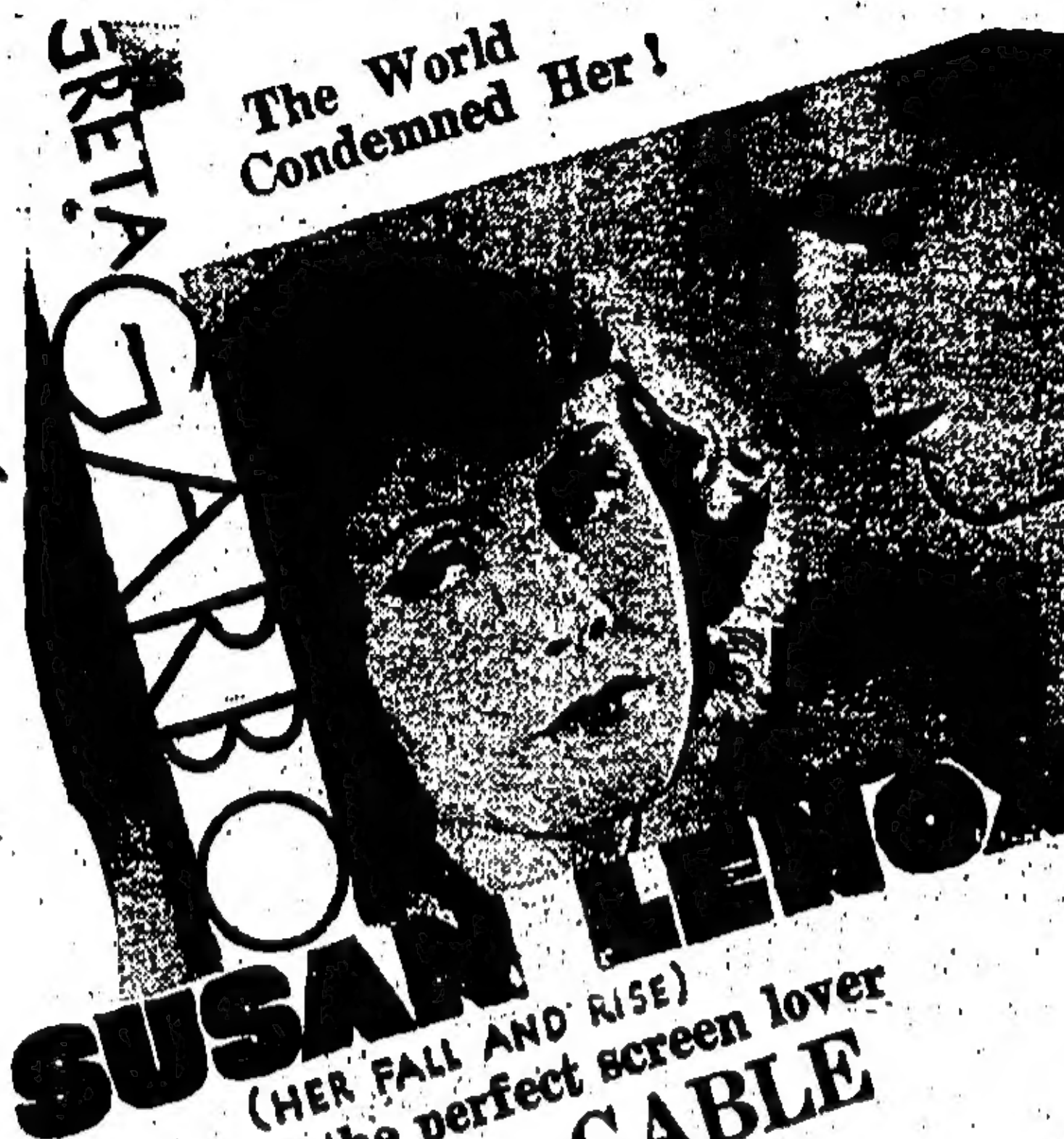
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